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# TERROR THREAT EADS TO FINE

Report by David Cosgrove

A COUPLE from Kingswinford were fined £240 after taking their son on holiday during term time - even though the trip had to be rearranged due to a terror attack.

Debbie Proudler and husband Lee had booked to take sons Lewis, 13, and Ellis, 10, to Egypt's Sharm El Sheikh resort, but the family holiday was cancelled in the wake of an ISIS

bomb attack on a Russian holiday jet.

Holbeach Travel, who booked the holiday, subsequently rearranged it for another Egyptian destination. However, the Stourbridge-based firm was only able to fly the family out a day earlier than originally planned, to Hurghada rather than Sharm.

Initially Lewis and Initially, Lewis and



The Proudler family

Ellis were set to miss four days of the last week of the Christmas week of the Christmas term but under the new plans actually missed the whole school week. While both boys' schools approved the original break, Blan-ford Mere Primary in Kingswinford – where Ellis goes – refused to

authorise a fifth day.

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Mrs Proudler argued terrorism was an exceptional circumstance for her son to miss an extra day, but the school held firm.

Mrs Proudler said: "I cannot see how the school would not consider terrorism to be on

school would not consider terrorism to be on the list of exceptional circumstances. "We would have lost thousands of pounds by cancelling the holiday but the school couldn't see that the terrorism threat level was a reason for Ellis to be authorised for a day of absence. "I was told to send a letter to the governors, but it took so long to be seen to, that Lee and I then had our original £60 fines doubled to £240. It's ridiculous. The letter also claimed that Ellis does not attend school regularly but he has a 93 per cent attendance record."

Mr Proudler said the couple did pay the fine. "We have paid it. We obviously weren't happy about it as it wasn't our fault. We didn't want to pull our kids out of school," he said.

Nikki Miller, head teacher at the school, said: "Good attendance in school is vital for an allround education. These national rules are set by Government and apply to all schools up and

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by Government and apply to all schools up and down the country.

"The rules make it impossible for us to agree for children to have time off during school term, unless there are exceptional circumstances, which does not include family holidays. The vast majority of parents at the school share our vision for making the education of children through regular attendance a top priority."

# **POWER TO HELP MEDICS BATTLE CANCER**



Cancer survivor Darren Hancox and his sister Nicola Hancox-Parkes with participants in at the start of the sponsored cycle ride

A GRATEFUL family have taken to their bikes to thank medical staff for helping two relatives cope with cancer.
Window cleaner Darren Hancox, brother-in-law Ryan Parkes and eight friends cycled 50 miles round the canals of the Black

cied so miles round the canals of the Black Country to raise over £1,000 for Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley and Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

Nicola Hancox-Parkes, 39-year-old sister of Darren and wife of Ryan, organised the fundraiser and waved off cyclists from the Samson and Lion pub in Brierley Hill on Saturday.

She explained: "We feared the worst when Darren was diagnosed with testicular cancer some years ago but he has made a complete recovery thanks to the doctors and nurses. "Our father Derek survived bowel and

mouth cancer for 12 years. This was against the odds but also due to the skill of those

# **Precious**

"Unfortunately he died aged 72 when the mouth cancer returned but those extra years had been very precious."

Nicola, from Brierley Hill, added: "You hear too much about people dying from cancer and not enough about those who survive. "I thought it was about time we celebrated the survivors while raising money to say thank you to the hospitals involved and assist them in helping sufferers in future."

Ryan, a 48-year-old father of two, said: "The medical staff work wonders. The ride will be good for our fitness and hopefully good for their finances. There could not be a better cause. People did their bit for me when I was ill and so I am delighted to do my bit."

# **CUTS**

# Jobs face the axe at advice service

DOZENS of jobs are hanging in the balance at Dudley's Citizens Advice Bureau as the service faces losing hundreds of thousands of pounds in council funding. Bosses at the CAB, which employs 50, confirmed there will be redundancies after being told the amount it receives from Dudley Council would be cut.

Council chiefs say they are reviewing how much money could continue to be provided to the service. The CAB receives £750,000 a year from the council but the authority has said it can no longer afford that because of Government cuts.

# THEATRE

# Four years until Hippodrome opens

CAMPAIGNERS who have rescued Dudley Hippodrome from the bull-dozers have said it will be four years before the landmark former theatre is

before the landmark former theatre is open again.
Black Country Hippodrome Ltd will be handed a five-year lease to allow the group to refurbish the derelict former theatre on Castle Hill.
They are hoping to begin restoration work as soon as possible. Asbestos needs to be removed and major repair work is needed to bring it up to scratch.

# **TRAVELLERS**

# Park invaded as 50 caravans roll on

TRAVELLERS moved onto a park in Hale-sowen, just as nearby residents were plan-ning a street party to celebrate the Queen's orth birthday

soft birthday.

Around 50 caravans set up camp at burst Green Park, Shell Corner, on Saturday evening after bushes were removed and a concrete bin ripped out of the way. Councillor Stuart Henley, who represents the Halesowen North Ward, said:

"This is the bighost emput of travellar up.

sents the highest amount of travellers we have had on there. We have spent a fortune trying to secure it and we thought we had cured it. The council is in the process of issuing an order to get them removed."

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# New home for museum's collections



will run a 'consolidated' school day today (Thursday) as the neighbouring

nations battle it out in France.

It appears the Lodge Lane school will be the only one in the Dudley borough planning the change because of the big match Ben Warren, headteacher at Summerhill School, said: "At Summerhill we think it's important to listen to our students and

offer them a fully-rounded educational ex-perience which strikes a healthy balance between work and play.

**Popularity** 

"In light of the anticipated popularity of the England game we have decided to run a consolidated day, as we have done in the

a consongated day, as we have done in the past on occasions such as the last day of term, to allow our children to receive a full quota of lessons and still have time to make it home to watch the match with their family and friends.

"By omitting lunch as a last of the such as the such

"By omitting lunch and shortening each of the six lessons in the day by 10 minutes, we are able to finish the school day at 1.10pm rather than 3.15pm.
"We informed all parents of this change three weeks ago and they've been very supportive. The school will remain open

Southampton reversed plans to allow pupils to go home to watch the match following criticism and claims of hypocrisy by

ing criticism and claims of hypocrisy by term-time holiday campaigners.

Councillor Patrick Harley, of Kingswinford South Ward, said: "It should be down to the head teachers in what they feel best to do.The Euros only come every four years and with it being against Wales it is a winner way to advert and we expect to de well. But

unique event and we expect to do well. But ultimately each individual school should make the best decision for them."

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DUDLEY Museum's collections will be

DUDLEY Museum's collections will be saved under plans to move them to a new home close to the Black Country Living Museum.

Earlier this year Dudley Council revealed the town centre municipal museum was to be closed down as a result seum was to be closed down as a result of drastic financial cuts – prompting a petition which more than 4,000 signed calling for the museum to be retained. But last week bosses unveiled a scheme to move the exhibitions from the Dudley Museum and Art Gallery building the control of the contr

ing in St James's Road to the borough's Archives centre in Tipton Road.

The move would mean the museum's treasures, including geological and fine art collections, would be housed in a building near the town's major tourist attractions, Dudley Zoo and Castle, and the Black Country Living Museum.

The landmark town centre building and desertions or with the surface of the country Living Museum.

would close this year with the new mu-seum base opening next summer.

Tourism boss Councillor Khurshid Ahmed said: "It makes absolute sense

to move the exhibitions to the Archives to benefit from the existing tourism at Castle Hill.

"These are really exciting propos-

als and will overcome all the issues we have had with parking and transport links at the current site, while creating something that will be as popular with school visits and people wanting to explore the steeped history of Dudley and everything that made this borough famous."

MOUSE THE COMMUNICATION OF THE seum to the Archives is a good move, but the big question is how we get visitors from the Black Country Living Museum, zoo and Archives to the town centre."

# Pupils let home early to watch England game

Kitchen destroyed in chip pan fire is letting its pupils go home early to watch England take on Wales in Euro 2016 – despite the national furore surrounding termtime absences.
Summerhill School in Kingswinford



A firefighter surveys the severe damage in the gutted kitchen of the Lower Gornal house after Saturday's blaze

supportive. The school will remain open in the afternoon for any pupils who wish to remain for supervised study, but we anticipate that all 1,000 of our pupils will be working with extra diligence in the morning so that they can enjoy a patriotic afternoon watching the game."

Their decision comes after a school in A MAN and a woman have been A MAN and a woman have been treated for smoke inhalation after a 'severe' kitchen fire in Dudley caused by a chip pan.

The early morning fire completely destroyed the property's kitchen. But the rest of the house was largely untouched thanks to the kitchen door being closed.

Crews from Brierly Hill and Dudley fire stations attended the home in Brook Dale in Lower Gornal at around 3.48am on Saturday.

Firefighters used two breathing

apparatus and a special fan to help remove the smoke from the prop-

As well as the two people who As wen as the two people who were treated for smoke inhalation, firefighters had to rescue three cats from the property. Firefighters from both stations were on the scene for two hours.

Afterwards, they took to social media to share the pictures from the fire as well as to remind the people the 'importance of closing interior doors'.

Twenty firefighters tackled a severe fire behind a row of shops in Oldbury last week. A storage unit in Rood End Road went up in flames at around 1.20pm last Tuesday, forcing the road to be closed

The fire broke out in the unit, at the back of a meat centre at the junction with Tat Bank Road, sending smoke billowing into the air. A propane cylinder that was in the steel and timber outbuilding exploded, adding to the flames.

# **On-the-spot** fines tackle fly-tipping in borough

PEOPLE who fly-tip in Dudley will be forced to pay on-the-spot fines.

The council's crackdown on fly-tip-

ping has escalated after bosses agreed to

bring in new fixed penalty notices.
On-the-spot fines of up to £200 could now be dished out to 'small scale' fly-tip-pers after the decision by council bosses.

Cabinet member for environmental services Hilary Bills said she hoped the new fines would act as a deterrent to those who blight the borough with piles of rubbish.

Councillor Bills said: "This means that instead of having to take possible to the council to the

Councillor Bills said: "This means that instead of having to take people to court we can now issue the fines straight away. It's helpful that we can get it done straight away.

"Whatever gets thrown on the payer with the it's done or a finishment with the it's doed do or a finishment with the it's doed do or a finishment with the it's doed do or a finishment.

ment – whether it's dog doo or a fridge – it causes a cost to the council and that's

it causes a cost to the council and that's a cost the council cannot really afford in these difficult financial times. It's not the council's fault people fly-tip – it's just poor behaviour."

A council report states: "This new legal power will... tackle the problem of small scale fly-tipping without the drawn out process of taking an individual to court. This will be a more rapid and cost-effective way of dealing with this type of offence, it will also work as a deterrent." a deterrent.

The fines follow the authority launching an innovative stencilling scheme to spray warning messages about the consequences. The warning on the pavement is not permanent, washing off over

# **Spate of early** hours accidents

A DRIVER fled after an accident in

A DRIVER fled after an accident in Sedgley on Sunday morning. A blue Renault van smashed into a parked car on The Northway leaving it a write-off.

The fire service said the motorist had fled before crews arrived on the scene. One crew from Dudley fire station and one crew from Bilston fire station attended the scene at around 6.30am.

A 22-year-old man died in Wolver-hampton after a crash in the early hours of Sunday. Police were called after a Seat Leon overturned in Barnhurst Lane, Pendeford. The man was rushed to New Pendeford. The man was rushed to New Cross Hospital where he later died of his injuries. Also in the early hours of Sun-day, a white van and a Peugeot taxi were involved in a crash on Dovedale Road in Ettingshall Park, leaving seven injured

# Town hall concert bv '80s soul singer

AMERICAN soul singer Alexander O'Neal, who had a top ten hit with Criticize in 1987, will be in concert at Dudley Town Hall on December 9.

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# **MP delays** launch of combined authority

THE launch of the West Midlands

THE launch of the West Midlands Combined Authority did not go ahead as planned on Friday due to a challenge in Parliament by a Black Country MP.

The group, which is made up of Dudley, Walsall, Sandwell, Wolverhampton, Birmingham, Solihull, and Coventry councils, will eventually take control of transport, economic development, housing, skills and mental health services across the region with £8 billion of funding over 30 years.

Cannock Chase Council is signed up.

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Cannock Chase Council is signed up as a member but without full voting rights. Other non-constituent members include Telford and Wrekin, Redditch, Tamworth, Nuneaton & Bedworth.

The body's as

Bedworth.

The body's annual general meeting and official launch was scheduled today but the formation has been delayed by at least a week after it was challenged by Warley MP John Spellar in the Commons.

The WMCA is led by chief executive Martin Reeves and will see the region's first elected mayor take control of the purse strings in May 2017.

A debate in Parliament over the authority's creation will be heard this week. A meeting of the shadow authority was going ahead instead of the planned inaugural meeting in Bir-

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The WMCA had originally been due to be established on June 1 but met

paperwork delays.

• MP says new authority is a 'trap'

- see page 19

# **Police warning** on doorstep scam

CONMEN have targeted homes in Dudley, leading to a warning from

AWest Midlands Police after the force received 'a number of calls' in relation to a doorstep scam in the

town.

Officers said a conman had knocked on doors asking to borrow money for a taxi to visit his wife in hospital. He promised to repay the money but then did not return.

Officers said the man's claims were bogus. They also appealed to anyone who has elderly relatives or neigh-bours to pass the message on and make sure they are aware of the scam.

Anyone with information should call police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

# **Temporary lights** at roadworks

DELAYS are expected on a road in Dudley due to temporary traffic lights

during roadworks.
South Staffs Water will be working in Vicar Street until Monday with signals operating outside peak times.

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# Garage bosses unite against thieves in Brierley Hill, estimated around



Raiders at Midlands Motor Care, Lve

have lost thousands of pounds of stock during a spate of break-ins and are now planning to work together to improve security at their businesses. More than 25 garages have been targeted in the past four months with an estimated £200,000 of equipment being at low No growth brow yet beauty

being stolen. No arrests have yet been

made.
Some car garage owners have been forced to increase security in the wake of the thefts.
Business owner Dave Newton, a franchisee of Snap-on tools based

£10,000 worth of gear has been stolen from each business

"At least 26 businesses He said: who I trade with have been affected in the area.

"The thieves are waiting for ga-

rages to replenish equipment through insurance and then going back to tar-get them again. Now all the garages are considering joining up to protect their businesses."

Mr Newton's business was burgled in March where thieves made off with around £4,000 worth of equipment.

Betts Motor Service in Netherton was targeted twice in a fortnight with thieves stealing gear worth £5,000 on May 17 and then returning to steal an estimated £10,000 worth in the second raid. Owner Robert Betts said: "I have had to increase security." West Midlands Police spokesman Lee Page said: "We are aware of several similar break-ins at commercial properties over the last few months and investigations are into these are on-going. No arrests have been made yet. In some cases CCTV has been recovered and is being reviewed."

Allister Malcolm, resi-

"Historically this will be

industry heritage.

# Info hub to help new businesses

A NEW information hub for people looking to set up their own small busi-ness will be given an official launch by the Mayor of Dudley tomorrow (Fri-

The Business Starts Here infor-The Business Starts Here information service has been set up at Dudley's central library and has a permanent collection of business books and directories as well as offering access to courses and workshops.

Mayor Councillor Mohammed Hanif, will declare the facility open tomorrow's launch event. There is no charge to use the hub.

# Police appeal after chemicals dumped

POLICE are appealing for witness-es after chemicals were dumped by fly-tippers in the countryside near Stoubridge

An assortment of waste was left at a spot along Six Ashes Road, Bobbing ton, last Thursday night.

Tyres, wood, a paddling pool, a water tank leaking an unknown substance, and a number of cans with a toxic sticker attached to them were left at the site.

Fire and rescue services were also called. Call Staffordshire Police on 101 and quote reference 874 of June 9.

# Band planning a Wonder-ful aia

BLACK Country rock band The Wonder Stuff are planning a Christmas show in Birmingham.

The group fronted by Miles Hunt mark their 30th anniversary and release of eighth studio album 30 Goes Around The Sun this year. The band, whose hits included Size Of A Cow, will be supported by Bentley Rhythm Ace in concert at Birmingham's 02 Institute on December 23. Tickets go on sale tomorrow (Friday) from tick etweb.co.uk or 0844 477 2000.

# Church will be hosting summer art exhibition

A STOURBRIDGE town centre church will host Dudley Arts Coun-cil's summer art exhibition.

cil's summer art exhibition.

There will be an open night to view
the paintings, sculptures and photographs in St John's Church, St John's
Road, on Friday, July 1, from 7.30pm.

The exhibition will then be open
over the weekend, from 12 noon to 5pm on the Saturday and 1pm to 5pn

It will also open from 12 noon to 5pm on July 9 and 16.

on the Sunday.

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# Debate over the EU

SEDGLEY councillor and UKIP MEF Bill Etheridge will speak for the Leave campaign and Stourbridge Conserva-tive MP Margot James for Remain in a EU referendum debate hosted by TV presenter Bob Hall at The Wil-son Hall in Cradley on Monday from

# Safety upgraded on busy road outside high school

reduction in the speed limit outside one of Dudley's biggest schools but has called for more to be done

to tackle problem parking.

Speed bumps and a 20mph limit will be introduced on St James' Road outside Castle High School and Visual Arts College – which has 1,100 pupils – as part of

lege – which has 1,100 pupils – as part of the £15,000 scheme.

The speed bumps will be installed at five locations along a stretch of the road, which is also the location for two private day nurseries.

Castle High headteacher Michelle King said the speed limit was important for the safety of children but said parking was also a major problem that needed to be addressed.

Under the proposals, due to be approved by Councillor Hilary Bills, cabinet member for environmental services, bumps will be installed between the junctions with The Parade and Trinity Road. Trinity Road

### Measures

The 20mph zone, 10mph slower than the previous limit, will be in place along the same stretch. Road markings will also be introduced to make drivers aware of the measures.

Mrs King said: "We welcome anything that calms traffic and helps to keep children safe.

"St John's Road is always heavy whetever."

"St John's Road is always busy whatever time of day and cars do come down fast, so anything that helps with crossing is great "When school ends it gets gridlocked because there just isn't room for two rows of traffic with the parked cars and that's a problem when hundreds of pupils are coming out."

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Mrs King said she had suggested various improvements for the road.

She said: "I have asked the council to consider a one-way system or an allocated parking system. The road can't take the volume of traffic with the cars parked."

Three residents objected to the proposals

with the two saying they were concerned about potential discomfort, vehicle damage and noise due to the speed bumps.

The council said it was following Government guidelines for the height of the bumps and the spacing of them along the road.

Other comments received were that the

proposed new road markings and highlighted coloured road surface were visually intrusive. But the council said it was important to warn motorists in advance of the bumps.



Only formal dress will do for resident glassblower Allister Malcolm at The White House Cone Museum of Glass, Stourbridge

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# THE BEST OF RHODES



WEIRDEST sight so far, in an isolated corner of a parish cemetery in Devon, was a pile of rubble topped with half a human skull. Grave robbing? Black-magic rituals? The only explanations that don't make the flesh creep are landslip and badgers.

"IT is morally vital that there is no increase in the number of animals that suffer at human hands," opined one radio pundit in a debate on growing human transplant organs in pigs. In other words, if we use one pig for spare parts, we must ensure another pig is not slaughtered for pies. Careers for the 21st century: ethical pig

RESEARCH by Radio 2 suggested the Queen loves to sing and is word-perfect with the songs of George Formby. Now I am unable to get rid of the mental image of Her Majesty as a young mother, soaping her children on bath night while adopting a daft Lancashire accent and belting out: "When I'm cleaning Windsors."

OUR changing language. A reader reports that his manager regularly issues memos with the instruction: "Cascade this down to all colleagues." I am delighted to maelstrom this tit-bit to my readers.

GREAT philosophers of our time "Life itself is pretty amazing. The fact that it just changes all the time – that kind of amazes me." Sir Paul McCartney, interviewed in the Mail on Sunday.



I SAW Mu-hammad Ali in the 1980s when he visited Birmingham. Even then, before his Parkinson's was diagnosed, he was a slow, shambling echo of

beautiful boxer who once float-ed like a butterfly – a victim, possibly, of too many punches. I never expected him to live so long. In contrast, Henry Cooper, whom I interviewed in his 70s, miraculously avoided brain damage and remained a great raconteur and an imposing figure almost to the end. What especially im-pressed me about Cooper was that he knew I understood virtually nothing about boxing and pitched his chat accordingly with great charm, as though we were lifelong friends. A gentleman.

ANOTHER of your suggestions for a term to describe those days when it's colder in the house than it is outside. A reader suggests it's a baked Alaska day.

SLOBBY Britain. A reader stopping overnight at a hotel near London was depressed rather than surprised to find a mother and her offspring queuing among other guests at the breakfast buffet, still wearing pyjamas. Any similar sightings?

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# Supermarket donation to help over-50s Barge your

A NATIONAL supermarket chain has donated more than £4,000 to fund a new project being set up by a

Dudley charity. The Morrison's Foundation do-The Morrison's Foundation do-nated £4,125 to Age UK Dudley's scheme, which will help people aged over 50 get together and enjoy the outdoors together. Charity bosses said it will enable

ent and enjoy nature-based activities. Christine Szygowski, chief execu-tive officer, said "We are very grate-ful to Morrison's for the donation. "We know that the wellbeing of people with low-level dementia and

others can be enhanced by using creativity, the outdoors and na-ture-based activities to build social networks and help people to feel

"The project will provide a monthly session to take people out on nature walks and to green spaces with the Leap Over 50 team." He added: "The group will be able to come back and have lunch at our

health and wellbeing centre and take part in activities in the afternoon, such as art and craft workshops, part in activities in the afternoon, such as art and craft workshops, talks, music, drama and reminiscing

Age UK Dudley will also offer a range of weekly activities and classes such as circle dancing, talks, pho-tography skills and a reading group. The charity is hoping that the pro-

ject will be up and running later this

year.
For more information contact the charity's Leap Team (01384) 343535 or the Springboard Centre (01384) 571830.

# **Engineering firm is** ready to recruit 180

A RECRUITMENT drive has been launched by a Halesowen-based engineering company to create more than 180 apprenticeships.

Lander Automotive, Woodgate Business Park, which manufactures products for the motor vehicle in-dustry, is aiming to recruit young people to join the company over the next two years.

Lander Automotive operations di-rector Len Palmer said: "Their ap-prenticeship will initially be for 12 months and they will then have the months and they will then have the opportunity to progress onto an 18-month second year apprenticeship, expanding the lean manufacturing and skills for operational excellence. "Growing the business through the apprenticeship route will regenerate our workforce, bring some fresh blood into the business and address fitture skills shortages—creat.

dress future skills shortages – creat-ing even more job opportunities in the local community."

# Components

The company currently employs 400 people at its purpose-built engineering plant and is expanding and upskilling the workforce. A skills

neering piant and is expanding and upskilling the workforce. A skills programme will also be set up for existing staff.

The company makes parts that are used in vehicles made by such as Jaguar, Land Rover and Nissan. These include airbag pipes and canisters along with instrument panels and chassis components.

Mr Palmer paid tribute to the history of Black Country manufacturing which will help youngsters have a good understanding of engineering. He said: "This area is traditionally rooted in the automotive industry and I am sure that many of the young people applying for apprenticeship roles with us will have a family history of working in this field."

The apprenticeship will be delivered.

The apprenticeship will be delivered with Sigma Group and Derby College. Those interested in applying can get in touch via the www. apprenticeshipvacancymatchingser vice.lsc.gov.uk website.

# Volunteer help is sought by hospital



Chief nurse Dawn Wardell with Chris Barron, Mark Owen and carer co-ordinator Sharon McGlynn

MORE than 100 people attended an event hosted by The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust to recruit volunteers.

The group, which runs Russells Hall Hospital, Corbett and Guest outpatient centres, is seeking public spirited individuals to help and support patients in the borough.

The event at Russells Hall Hospital was hosted by nedical director Dr Paul Harrison and chief nurse Dawn

Guests had the opportunity to speak some of the Trust's 400 volunteers and hear from members of staff about the valuable input of volunteers.

Dr Harrison said:  ${}^{\vec{a}}$ Our volunteers play a crucial role in helping to look after our patients and making their

experience better." Dawn Wardell added: "Anyone joining as a volunteer becomes part of the team and part of The Dudley Group family."

Volunteers should be confident and friendly people with good communication skills who feel that they may be able to assist patients and visitorsl.

Mike Leadbeater, who has been volunteering with the trust for 18 months, said: "I volunteer in the Emergency Department and I really feel like I am part of the team. As volunteers we are able to give the time to be a listening ear for patients and their relatives which can make a difficult experience a lot less frightening."

Anyone aged 16 and above is welcome to volunteer. Send an email to volunteering@dgh.nhs.uk

# way to the bar at real ale festival

A REAL ale festival will be returning Dudley - meaning drinkers can visit

Dudley Canal Trust will be holding the beer festival at the Portal from June 23 to June 26, with more than 40 real ales, ciders and wines to sam-

A shuttle boat will be running to pick up festival-goers from Tipton Railway Station at 5.30pm, and a minibus will be able to take people back at 10pm for a small charge. 10pm for a small charge.

Hot and cold food will be available

Hot and cold food will be available throughout the day.

Nick Morris, Chief Executive at Dudley Canal Trust (Trips) Ltd, said:

"We're really excited about holding the beer festival again this summer.

"After taking a break last year whilst our new centre was under construction, the festival is back and will be bigger and better than ever."

Zoe Harris, Heritage Activities Officer at Dudley Canal Trust, added: "The beer festival is always a fantastic event, whether you're a real ale connoisseur or not." The festival will run from Thursday

(23) at 5pm to 11pm, then 11 to 11 on the Friday and Saturday 25th, 11am to 3pm on the final day.

Entry is free to card-carrying Dudley Canal Trust and Campaign for Real Ale members. Entry for non-members is £2.50.

For more information call 0121 557 6265, or visit the Trust's website at www.dudlevcanaltrust.org.uk

# **Drug-driver crash** suspect arrested

A MAN has been arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of drugs after a crash in Dudley left a motorcyclist in a critical condition.

The 24-year-old male biker was taken to Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham after colliding with a car on Halesowen Road in Netherton shortly after 7am on Wednesday of last week

Passers-by helped the rider before paramedics arrived near the junction with Northcott Road.

The A459 was closed between Salt-wells Road and Cradley Road while police examined the scene.

A 28-year-old man was detained on suspicion of driving under the influence of drugs and police have appealed for any witnesses to call 101.

# NHS group ready to hold annual meeting

THE NHS Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group is holding its annual general meeting in Brierley Hill Civic Hall on July 7 runs from 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

It is responsible for planning and buying health services in the borough.

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# to food bank appeal with pay rise cash

DUDLEY North MP Ian Austin has donated £100 from Parliament's pay rise on donations to the Black Coun-

try Food Bank.
The Labour MP decided he would

use the extra cash to help those who are struggling to make ends meet.

He is responding to an urgent appeal from the food bank, which had peal from the food bank, which had been experiencing shortages, par-ticularly with breakfast cereal, rice, tinned tomatoes and toilet rolls. The number of families relying on food banks in the Black Country has

risen sharply in recent years and the MP said he was keen to do whatever he could to help.

Mr Austin said he was 'humbled' to meet the hard-working volunteers during a recent visit.

"The Black Country Food Bank has

"The black country froot dains has been working hard for years to support local people, but demand keeps rising," he said. "The food bank's volunteers are doing brilliant work, but they need donations of food and been helping local families."

money to keep helping local families."
From April, MPs were given a 1.3
per cent pay rise taking their salaries
to almost £75,000. That came on the
back of a 10 per cent rise decided in
August and backdated to the General

Mr Austin said: "I wanted to help right away, so I'm making a donation from the fund I set up to donate the MPs' pay rise.

MPs' pay rise.
"Black Country people are the most generous in Britain, so I know local people will rally round to help the food bank."

# Fair focus on apprenticeships

AN apprenticeship fair is being held to help people onto the career ladder this afternoon (Thursday).

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The event, which has been organised by Dudley South MP Mike Wood, is at the Art and Design campus for Stourbridge College at The Waterfront, Brierley Hill, from 2pm to 5pm.

Mr Wood said: "I have so far organised a Jobs Fair and Pensioners Fair, both of which were extremely successful."

"With the Government making a clear commitment to promote and encourage companies to take part in its apprenticeship programme, it's important I use my position as a local MP to assist in any way I can employers, apprenticeship providers and those seeking an apprenticeship."

# **Dead terrier dog** is found in canal

A DEAD dog has been found in a Dud-ley canal. The RSPCA is appealing for information after the dog's body, which had a Jack Russell Terrier ap-pearance, was found in Netherton on Monday, June 6. Call 0300 1238018.

# MP responds Anger as graves hidden by long grass



Grass has grown over graves at St John's

graves covered in overgrown grass.

Lindsey Sharp, who regularly visits her mother's grave at St John's Church, in Brockmoor, said she had to walk through waist-high grass to to want through waist-nign grass to get to the plot and has even cut her leg as she couldn't see a headstone beneath the overgrowth. Reverend David Hoskin said that they were group to clear the church-yard as soon as possible. Ms Sharp explained: "My fam-

CONDITIONS of a churchyard ily and I go to the churchyard every Brierley Hill has been labelled week and have done so for the last sgusting and disrespectful' with 12 months to tidy around my moth-

12 months to tudy around my mother's headstone plot, lay fresh flowers and have a few moments of peace and quiet thinking of her.

"The last four weeks we have said how long the grass was getting, but each week we thought it will be cut soon, they can't let it go much longer.
"I have contacted the vicar Rev-

In have contacted the vicar Reverend David Hoskin, who has said that the equipment was stolen last autumn and that they are waiting for the Community Pay Back group to

reasonable condition.
"We have to walk through this

"We have to walk through this waist-high grass to get to the plot, and I cut my leg in two places, as I couldn't even see a gravestone beneath the overgrown grass."

Rev Hoskin, part of the Brierley Hill church team, said he had apologised to the family. He added: "We are in the process of getting a Community Payback team to deal with it. Although there is not an exact date yet, we are hoping this will be as soon as possible."

# Play area at zoo gets £5k revamp

DUDLEY Zoo's young visitors can let off steam, thanks to some new play

off steam, thanks to some new play equipment,
The £5,500 apparatus, created by Chester-based Creative Play UK, is located by Lion Ridge and Lemur Wood and features a toddler train and safari Jeep. There is also a noughts and crosses playboard and a whizzwheel alongside the current wooden climbing frame

alongside the current wooden climo-ing frame.

Zoo manager Matt Lewis said: "We know it will be well used as all the playgrounds across the 40-acre site are very popular."

# **Poems highlight** the local dialect

A BOOK and DVD which has been

A BOUK and DVD Whith has been produced as part of a project to celebrate the dialect of the Black Country will be launched next month.

The launch event for Where's Our Spake Gone? will be at Dudley Archives and Local History Centre in Tipton Road on July 2 from 1pm to 4nm.

Apm. The project received Heritage Lot-tery funding to record the way people speak in Tipton, Gornal, Oldbury and Cradley Heath.

be reading her poems at the event.

# **Rotary Club boost** for Beacon charity

A BLACK Country sight loss charity has received a cash boost thanks to a donation from a rotary club. Sedgley and Wombourne Rotary Club raised £500 in aid of the Bea-

con Centre. The cash was raised at a con Centre. The cash was raised at a number of events including concerts and at collections. Club president Ken Thomas said: "We are very pleased to be able to donate this cash to the Bea-con Centre which does fantastic work with those living with sight loss in our

# Football fans hoping to taste Euro Glorv

A BLACK Country brewery has created a special ale for the Euro 2016 football championships.
Glory Glory goes out this week to Holden's Brewery's pubs across the Black Country.

Black Country.

The 4.3 per cent strength amber ale has been created at the brewery in Sedgley Road, Woodsetton.

The brewery hopes it will encourage supporters of England, Wales and Northern Ireland to watch matches in

# Last chance for art

THIS weekend marks the last oppor-tunities to view an exhibition by one of the region's oldest art groups, at the Red House Glass Cone in Word-sley. The Easel Club was originally founded by artist Edmund Watson in 1879. The exhibition ends at 4pm on Sunday It's free admission Sunday. It's free admission.

# Calls for Bridgewater case to be reopened

**DUDLEY North MP Ian Austin has** called on Home Secretary Theresa May to reopen the investigation into the murder of Wordsley paperboy Carl

Bridgewater, who died 38 years ago.

The Labour MP's intervention follows the broadcast of a Channel 4 documentary on Sunday which revealed new evidence about the murder of the 13-year-old at Yew Tree Farm, near Stourbridge,

in 1978.

Speaking in the House of Commons, Mr Austin called on Home Secretary Theresa May to ask the Crown Prosecution Service and the police to review the case in light of new evidence revealed by the documentary, which was screened on Sunday. Policing Minister Mike Penning replied that the Government would be looking at the new evidence and agreed to meet with Mr Austin to discuss the issue.

Revelations over the Bridgewater murder in-quiry appear to destroy the 'cast-iron' alibi of a former chief suspect. Bert Spencer, an ambulance driver, who later served time for a murder that bore striking similarities, has always denied killing Carl Bridgewater.

The horrific shooting at point-blank range at the farmhouse at Prestwood shook the country. Now a former hospital secretary, who provided Spencer with what was called a 'cast-iron' alibi, has admitted she cannot prove where he was for the entire day when Carl was killed.

# Wife

Janet Spencer, his first wife, has also spoken on the record for the first time in almost 40 years saying she believes the police should reopen the inquiry.

The allegations were contained in the Channel

The allegations were contained in the Channel 4 programme in which leading criminologist Professor David Wilson conducted a series of revealing interviews with Spencer, now aged 76.

Spencer agreed for his conversations to be filmed for the 90-minute documentary but instead of strengthening his case, the programme painted him as a manipulative list.

him as a manipulative liar.

Channel 4 also approached Spencer's daughter, who was friends with Carl as a child. She said that who was friends with Cari as a clinid. She said that although she believed her father was innocent she thought he was holding back information.

Spencer, who was filmed in his Lincolnshire home, has rejected all the new allegations made in

the programme.

Mr Austin said: "Nobody who grew up in Dudley will forget the shocking murder of 13-year-old paperboy Carl Bridgewater."



Leading criminologist Professor David Wilson, left, with former ambulance driver Bert Spencer





Child victim Carl Bridgewater

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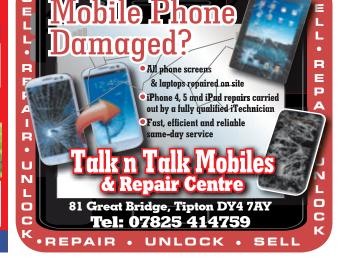
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# IN MY VIEW

# Not voting is really not about some being lazy

FORMER Walsall Council leader Mike Bird hit out at the low turnout at last month's local elections, accusing the 70-odd per cent who did not turn out of being idle.

being idle.

"There is no excuse not to vote, it is just laziness," he said. "These people will then complain at the decisions made by the administrations but I am sorry that is not how it works if you can't be bothered to get off your backside."

Two points. First of all, many of these people are not lazy, just busy. As a self-made businessman Councillor Bird should realise that not everybody works a 37-hour week.

These days many people travel a long way to work, leaving the house before the polling station opens and returning after

way to work, leaving the house belief the polling station opens and returning after it shuts. Some might have other things going on in their lives, such as caring for sick or elderly relatives. Under these cir-cumstances, local politics is probably not high out the let of presiden.

high on the list of priorities.

But more importantly, true democracy, it is not just about having the right to vote, but also the right to not to. Yes, some people will say you should register your abstention by driving down to the polling total or the results in the results of the results are the results and the results are the re

abstantion by driving down to the politics station and spoiling your paper, but frankly I grew out of that sort of gesture politics in my 20s.

Maybe some people are lazy. And it is perhaps unfortunate that hard-working local councillors such as Councillor Bird are tainted with the indifference that many feel towards the political leaders at Westminster.

But if you do really want to get people to take an interest in your work, and encourage them to participate in democracy, branding them as idle is probably not the best way to go about it.

IMAGINE you were still sitting on the fence about the EU referendum. You have read all the scare stories, you have heard all the bizarre stats, and sat through hours of boring debates. And after all that, you're still on the fence.

Then like a pair of ageing rockers are.

that, you re stull on the fence.

Then, like a pair of ageing rockers announcing the start of their nostalgia tour,
Tony Blair and John Major take to the
stage urging us to vote Remain. Yep, me
too.

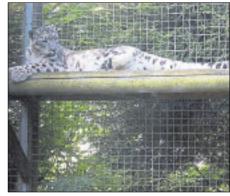
INCIDENTALLY, why all the fuss about the voter registration website crashing just before the deadline for the EU referendum?

It goes without saying that if you urge thousands of people to log onto a website it will crash. They always do.

But unless I have misunderstood the process completely, it is a legal requirement to be correctly listed on the electoral role. If people can't be bothered to comply with the law for the rest of the year, can they really complain if they miss out?



New snow leopard cub Milo will get round-the-clock care



Nanga relaxing in the sunshine on her high deck



Dudley Zoo staff are devastated by the sudden death

# Tragic death of zoo snow leopard Nanga

Staff devastated about losing one of the attraction's best-loved creatures, as DAVID COSGROVE reports

SHE wowed visitors to Dudley Zoo for six years with her beauty and

But snow leopard Nanga was sadly unable to survive after giving birth to her third cub, Milo, on Monday. Staff and visitors have been left saddened

by the news, which takes away one of the at-traction's best loved creatures. Her cub Milo

traction's best loved creatures. Her cub Milo will now be hand-reared and given round-the-clock care.

Nanga, who turned seven last week, was a particular favourite with big cat keepers and visitors and had lots of adopters.

She came to Dudley Zoo from the Czech Republic in 2010 as part of an international breeding programme, where she was paired with Margash, who moved to the Black Country from Banham Zoo in Norfolk.

They had their first cub, a girl called Nidara, in July 2013, but she unfortunately passed away at 11 weeks old.

# Relationship

Nidara was the first leopard to be born at the attraction since 2001.

Their second cub, Makalu, is now two and is getting ready to move to Darjeeling Zoo in India – the native home for the species – at the end of June. The move is expected to go ahead as planned

as planned.
Dudley Council's deputy leader Judy Foster said she was saddened by Nanga's loss and of-

said she was saddened by Nanga's loss and of-fered her condolences to the zoo and its staff. She said: "It is really sad to hear the news of her passing, especially after she lost a cub herself in the past. "All we can do now is hope that the cub that she gave birth to is healthy and survives and her line continues."
"It's so sad hearing Nanga was accounted."

'It's so sad because Nanga was very popular



Seven year-old Snow Leopard Nanga died from complications due to labour

"We can only wish the zoo our commisera-tions, particularly to the staff who obviously have a very close relationship with the animals. "I also want to wish the cub well."

The snow leopard is native to the mountain ranges of Central Asia. They live between 3,000 and 5,500 metres above sea level on rocky mountain slopes

mountain slopes.

Snow leopards show several adaptations for living in a cold mountainous environment. Their bodies are stocky, their fur is thick, their ears are small and rounded, all of which help to

prevent excess heat loss.
Their paws are wide and this helps distribute their weight when walking on snow.
The feet also have fur on their soles to in-

crease their grip on steep and unstable surfaces, and this also helps to minimise heat loss. Snow leopards' tails are long and flexible, helping them to maintain their balance in the rocky terrain they inhabit.

# **Treatment**

Nanga had 20 adopters – they're all being offered the chance to swap their adoption for Margaash, the adult male snow leopard, or another animal on the zoo.

other animal on the zoo.

Nanga's death follows the loss of another popular zoo star, female giraffe Mia, back in December. The 11-year-old died after sustaining a fractured leg. Zoo director Derek Grove said: "Mia had been receiving regular veteri-

nary treatment for her legs, unfortunately the fracture was inoperable."
Mia moved to the zoo in 2011 from Norfolk and gave birth to her calf, Kito in February 2014. Kito is fully weaned and independent from his mother and remains in the paddock with his dad, Kubwa and auntie, Josie.

Back in May, we revealed how the zoo's trio of snow leopards were being studied for a university investigation.

versity investigation. Staffordshire University student Paige Grif-Statiordshire University student Page Critiths, aged 20, was aiming to spend 100 hours observing how Margaash, Nanga and Makalu interact with different enrichment smells added to the enclosure such as cinnamon or sheep bedding scent.















I AM writing as a recently retired pensioner of some 18 months.

Why is it this Government thinks it is okay to run a two-tier pensions system? Anyone retiring last year having earned the maximum years working credits can expect to receive around £550 every four weeks. Anyone retiring in the next few years will. Why not look after the people who have worked all their lives and deserve a reasonof some 18 months.

Why is it this Government thinks it is okay to run a two-tier pensions system? Anyone retiring last year having earned the maximum years working credits can expect to receive around £550 every four weeks. Anyone retiring in the next few years will get £840 every four weeks. How can that be fair?

The Government had the cheek to put on the news that if we leave Europe we pen-sioners will be £137 per year worse off (they

able standard of living.
Come on you pensioners, liven up and badger your MPs. I have.
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Of course they won't.
It is essential to these Eu-

ropean economies that the UK remains prosperous so we can buy their goods.

we can buy their goods.

He has not yet said so but
I am sure, shortly, Mr Cameron will tell us that the
Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse have been in touch
and say we should stay.

If we leave, nothing much will change in our day to day lives but we will be free of the European yoke and able to chart our own destiny, free from a Europe which is an economic and cultural time bomb.

B OSBORNE

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Letters should be brief and MUST include name, address and telephone number number. The Editor reserves the right to condense letters.

# The impact of Brexit on manufacturing

WITH 37 years experience in the manufacture and supply of goods to Europe it concerns me that contributors to your letters page rarely mention manufactur-ing with reference to Brexit. In pre-EU days it was not

viable for small manufacturers to export to Europe, due to large amounts of paper-work and heavy tariffs on the goods. Since the emer-gence of the EU it is possible to export to them using a single invoice.

Our own European sales

increased over a number of years to an annual 52 per cent of output.

It may be possible as 'Out-ers' suggest to still trade with Europe, however their are already estab-

The choice as happens with Switzerland and Norway is to pay large sums of money and accept free movement of EU nationals

across their borders.

Or as in the case of the USA, China and others, to pay a tariff of at least 11 per

It is said that after EU exit we could trade with the rest of the world, but we already do and increased

already do and increased business would take considerable time to achieve.

As many companies in the UK are foreign owned, a tariff on their goods would possibly result in their relocation. This would prove disastrous for the UK workforce.

force.
GAPETERS

# **Pensioners are being hit hardest** Hero Ali was my greatest!

ON hearing the sad news of Muhammad Ali's death, it reminded me of the time he came to Dudley to open a tyre place on Hall Street. I think it was 1982/1983

and I went to meet him with my two-year-old daughter Martina Maxwell. As soon as he saw her he

lifted her out of my arms and took her with him into the building, of course his entourage let me follow, and I was first in line to have his

He was so lovely and cour-teous, a true gentleman, not to mention how handsome he was!

I count myself privileged and honoured to have met him, and never stop reminding my daughter (even though she's now 36), how lucky she was to have met and been picked up and pampered by such a hero. J JONES Gornal Wood

# Get heads out of the sand

I DESPAIR at the thought I DESPAIR at the thought of the people in their 'ivory towers' running this country, who cannot see that desperate people will try anything to get into this country whether it's for a better life or to destroy our way of life.

There are people pro-

There are people patrolling the ports but not the surrounding coast line. What do we pay these people to sit on their backsides?

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# Gem of a day as Ali visited jewellers



Dudley ieweller Robert Johnson shares a joke with Muhammad Ali when the superstar boxer visited their shop

IT was a day to remember as Mu-hammad Ali visited a jewellers in Dudley unannounced – causing chaos throughout the town.

David Johnson, from Rex Johnson and Sons, got the chance to meet the sporting legend in August 1983 alongside his late brother Robert who was jokingly told by Ali to 'stick one on my chin'.

Ironically, Ali's death fell on the same date as Robert's birthday, who passed away in 2002.

Mr Johnson, who closed his Dudley branch of the store last August after 42 years, spoke with fondness about the day they received 'the Greatest'.

He explained: "Ali was actually down to open the youth centre named after him and we were holding a charity event and he decided to come. My late brother Robert had organised the event and somehow he had arranged for him to come along. He said to Robert was ear, stick one on my chin if you ert you can 'stick one on my chin if you like'.

"They spoke for a while and took pictures. He didn't stay for long but crowds started to gather." The former world champion came to the West Midlands to open the Mu-

hammad Ali Centre in Icknield Street,

Mr Johnson continued: "Looking

back now it is incredibly nostalgic to have lived through that period, as everyone was aware he was one of the greatest sportsmen on earth – not only because of his sport but character too – and he was actually at our shop.

"The odd thing was he was off to a hotel afterwards where people had paid huge amounts of money to meet him.

Despite the Dudley store closing, the jewellers still have a presence in the town via auction days in Aston Auctioneers in Tower Street. Mr Johnson works with his son, Ben, in the Birmingham branch of the auctioneers.



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# **OAP left badly injured** as yob lobs brick at taxi

a pensioner's badly bruised and battered face after she was struck by a brick hurled through the window of a taxi.

In dramatic video footage the woman, who was sitting in the back of the cab, is heard to cry out in pain and shock. Her elderly husband tries to stem the blood from her head wound with a handkerchief after the missile fractured her skull.

West Midlands Police say the attack, west Middaids Fonce say the attack, in the Birmingham area, was one of seven similar incidents on the same night in May.

The swift action of the cab driver,

The swift action of the cab driver, from Dudley, who drove the couple straight to hospital has been praised. The video footage has been posted on the Dudley Private Hire and Taxi Association's Facebook page to publicise the dangers being faced by drivers and passengers due to yobs.

### **Shatters**

In the attack, which happened on May 25, the couple are seen to duck as the brick shatters the taxi window before striking the woman passenger,

in her 70s, who is not being named.

The driver tries to calm the pair as he speaks to the emergency services on his phone and offers to take them straight to the Queen Elizabeth Hos-

Shaz Saleem chairman of the Dudley Private Hire and Taxi Association, said: "This was a disgusting attack but I am not surprised by it. This is a na-

"If anything, it's worse in Dudley. In parts of the area, such as the Wrens Nest and down by Parkes Hall, it hap-

"In Stourbridge recently drivers have reported stones and eggs being thrown at their cabs. An egg might not seem harmful but you can't get it off







The woman's horrific injuries



The elderly couple recoil in terror as the brick smashes through the window with windscreen wipers, it blurs your vision and is really dangerous." been saying," said the cabbies' leader. The driver did not want to be named.

He said the 600-member association was in talks with Dudley Council for permission to get CCTV put in all their

"We have been telling people for years about the dangers we face as taxi drivers but this is the first time we've had footage to back up what we've

The attack happened at around 10pm

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# **Expansion pays** ff as sales soar

Strength to strength over the last 12 months since renovating its new premises in Meadow Lane, Coseley, creating one of the largest showrooms in the Midlands and generating 14 new jobs for local people.

The company's turnover has increased by 30 per cent and is well on target to double in the next couple of years.

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The new state-of-the-art showroom and head office has plenty of space to allow future expansion into new areas and of course enables DW Windows Ltd to showcase many of its market leading products.

The showroom has eight conservatories and orangeries, a couple of porches and dozens of windows and doors on display, allowing customers to see, touch and feel before they invest their hardearned money.

Company director Dave Walters states: "It's been the best business decision I have ever made, opening the new place.

"The response from everyone who visits is overwhelming as the design, planning and creation of Meadow Lane is all my own doing and it really makes me proud when people congratulate me on what I have achieved. The increase in business speaks for itself.

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staff. I have a great team around me now and I couldn't do this without them. All I ask of my fitters is to do the job better than if they were doing it in their own home and this pays off as six out of 10 of the new jobs we do are for repeat customers or recommendations.



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Steve Bull, former England and Wolves legend, opened the new showroom in July last vear which was a massive success and since then the phone just hasn't stopped ringing.

They are doing 40-50 quotations per week and since the open day have completed almost 500 new installations ranging from orangeries to single windows or doors. January has been the best on record with a 50 per cent increase in business on January 2015.

DW Windows Ltd are now nearing the end of their first 10 years of trading and are looking forward to the next 10 years.

# Poem tells Expert put to test the palace with question time

AFTER greeting all of those present at the May meeting, chairman Vera Wright set a topical flavour to the meeting by reading her own poem 'Reflections on our visit to Buckingham Palace'. 'To London to see the

visit to Buckingham Palace.

"To London to see the Queen', read in Vera's own amusing style. The poem explained that although they didn't succeed in seeing the Queen a great time was had by all.

The meeting continued

The meeting continued The meeting continued in the usual way, with the reading and signing of last month's minutes and reading of the treasurer's report.

Vera Raybould gave information on her recent fed.

formation on her recent federation meeting, and social secretary Margaret Writtle on the arranged visit to the Carpet Factory, Kiddermin-

A visit is also arranged A visit is also arranged to take 'afternoon tea' at Dunsley Hall, this on June 25. The birthday lunch at The Granary was reported to have been most successful This was Oursuccessful This was Oursuccessful This was Oursuccessful. ful. This was Quarry Bank Guild's 50th anniversary. Guild's 50th anniversary, the guild membership still including two original founders, Margaret Writtle and Gwen Rowley. Margaret Bunn had pro-

Margaret Bunn had pro-vided a most impressive birthday cake.

The next activity was a quiz presented by Vera Raybould. This was again raybould. This was again quite topical as it concerned mostly currency from before decimalisation.

The ladies were then encouraged to visit the sales table to browse and look for

bargains, concluding a an enjoyable 'do it ourselves'



Question Time was chaired by Philip Aubrey, formerly of Birmingham Botanical Gardens

THE second Friday in May saw around 30 members enjoy an evening visit to the garden at Pear Tree Cottage in Wichenford. Set in the midst of glorious Worcestershire countryside this English country garden contains many interesting and quirky features and provided much food for thought. The evening was rounded off in very satisfactory fashion with tea, coffee and helpings of home, made cake

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The normal monthly meeting in May was the annual joint meeting with Belbroughton Horticultural Society and for the second year running comprised a Gardeners Question Time chaired by Philip Aubrey the now retired former diseator of the Birmingham retired former director of the Birmingham

Clent Gardening Club

Botanical Gardens. Assisted by both clubs Botanical Gardens. Assisted by both clubs' chairmen, a lively evening was enjoyed with many questions arising from the floor and Philip's expertise was put to the test on a variety of gardening topics.

The evening was rounded off with tea and coffee and a splendid array of home-made cakes provided by the Clent club members.

After the raffle, the Clent chairman reminded his members of another evening garden visit, this time to The Cheryls at Button Oak near Bewdley.

# Crystal clear with glass history Kingswinford Ladies Social Circle

THE ladies met on June 2 at The Royal British Legion and were welcomed by act-ing chairman Ann Cooper.

Apologies were received, and the secretary and treasurer's report read, approved and signed.

A trip to Trentham Gardens has been arranged for November 10.

Sheila then also welcomed

the speaker Dr Kate Round who was to talk about the glass making industry in Stourbridge. She said at one time there were 30 glass-works in the so-called Crystal Mile. Sadly, few remain.

When the Broadfield louse Glass Museum

opened it had 2,000 pieces but at its closure it had out at its closure it had 10,000. These will be displayed when the new White House Cone Museum opens later this year along with a copy of the famous Portland vase and other historical items.

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THE archivist at the British Motor Museum has launched a new book looking at the past, present and future of Longbridge. Gillian Bardsley's Making Cars at Longbridge, 1905 to the Present Day honours the 110th anniversary of the production of the first Austin car at Longbridge as well as the 150th birthday of its designer. Herbert the 150th birthday of its designer Herbert

the 150th birthday of its designer Herbert Austin.

The book was written with the Rev Colin Corke, the former chaplain to the factory, lifelong car enthusiast and now Vicar of Longbridge. It is illustrated with unique images from the official company archive.

Gillian Bardsley said "Whilst my book is about Longbrige and Austin, it is not all dry facts about cars. It is nocked full off faccingth.

facts about cars. It is packed full of fascinat racts about cars. It is packed that of rascinating photos that capture the social history of the time, and take you back to the fashion, technology and advertising of the day".

The book, published by the History Press, is available at £17.99 online from the muse-

# Book in gear for Longbridge story Kitchen worker plotted to rob pub manager of takings

behind bars after a pub manager was attacked in broad daylight as she took the day's takings to a post office.

Among the gang was 25-yearold Kieran Chana, who worked in the kitchen at the Pheasant Inn in Abbey Road, Oldbury, at the time of the attack.
Police described Chana as 'the mas-

termind' of the plot.

Two men struck as Bethany Jones crossed nearby Pottery Road on her way to deposit the cash at around

and punched to the ground as they took a bag containing £2,930. Robert Brady-Ward and Colin Talbot delivered blows to her face as well as kicks to her body as she lay on the ground. They then raced to a waiting Volkswa-

gen Polo driven by Ayden Cash.
Suspicions were raised when Chana,
of Eva Road, Oldbury, was seen on
his phone outside the pub during
the attack. Officers arrested him the next day. They found keys in his possession for a car with the same registration number as that spotted at  $\begin{array}{c} \text{the scene.} \\ \text{A search of the vehicle revealed sev-} \end{array}$ 

eral bags of purchases from JD Sports in Merry Hill. CCTV from that store showed the group using large quantities of £20 notes to buy items

Chana, Brady-Ward, 25, Talbot, 24, and Cash, 20, were sentenced at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

Talbot and Cash, both of Holland Avenue, Oldbury, and Brady-Ward, of no fixed address, pleaded guilty to con-spiracy to rob. Chana denied the same charge but was convicted in May after a trial. Last week he was sentenced to five-and-a-half years with Cash given three years, Talbot four years and Brady-Ward three years and eight



Ringleader Kieran Chana

# MP concerned on dental health

A BLACK Country MP has written to the Health Secretary urging him to make sure dentists have the resources to im-prove public awareness on tooth decay.

Ian Austin, Dudley North MP, wrote to Jeremy Hunt after new statistics from Public Health England showed children in Dudley are two and a half more times likely to get tooth decay than Mr Hunt's likely to get tooth decay than Mr Hunt's constituency in Surrey. The All-Party Parliamentary Group for Dentistry and Oral Health has called on the Government to address the growing gap between parts of the UK on children's dental health.

Labour MP Mr Austin said: "We need to make sure that every penny of NHS spending goes where it's needed most, so it's important that preventable problems like tooth decay are taken servicus!

lems like tooth decay are taken seriously. Places like Dudley are falling behind on kids' dental health."

# Brexit banner on eyesore building



# The huge Brexit banner on Dudley's Cavendish House

THOUSANDS of motorists passing Dudley were greeted by a huge Vote Leave banner which had been hung from the soon to be demolished Cavendish House office block.

Campaigners took it upon themselves to get their message across by hanging the huge banner on the side of the building ahead of the EU referendum on June 23.

Cavendish House is currently empty as it awaits dem-

The eyesore building overlooks Duncan Edwards Way, meaning the banner was seen by thousands of drivers passing, who were encouraged to 'take control' and vote for

The banner became a big talking point across Dudley as it was posted by on various social media sites.

The dilapidated seven-storey building, which campaigners say has blighted the town centre for years, will be torn

down to make way for a major £50 million development.

It was once home to offices for the Inland Revenue. The site off Trindle Road will be redeveloped creating homes, restaurants and shops in the new Portersfield development.

# Former firefighter was band fundraiser

TRIBUTES have been paid to a Dudley firefighter who has

TRIBUTES have been paid to a Dudley firefighter who has died after a brave battle with cancer.

Dave Reeves MBE, aged 73, was a member of the West Midlands Fire Service for more than 25 years.

He also organised numerous charity events and was a founding member of the West Midlands Fire Service Band. His daughter, Mandy Merrick, said: "He was an amazing man and outstanding fire officer.

"During his years in the service he formed the West Midlands Fire Service Band, which he was incredibly passionate about, and with them he raised hundreds of thousands of pounds for charity.

"On one occasion, he got the band to play day and night at what was the old NEC, tirelessly collecting money for Muscular Dystrophy, and earning the band a place in the Guinness Book of Records. The band is still playing and raising money, which is great legacy to him."



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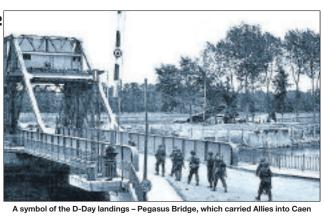


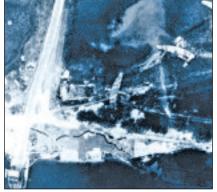














# Den – first to fall, but forever a war hero who led from the front on D-Day

the greatest invasion of all MEMORY LANE time and will be forever remembered as its first casualty.

Black Country officer Den Brotheridge headed the charge across Pegasus Bridge in the early hours of June 6, 1944, at the start of the D-Day assault which was to lead to the liber ation of north-west Europe from Nazi

The bridge was captured within minutes but the 29-year-old soldier from Smethwick was shot in the neck, becoming the first Allied fatality of D-Day.

Some 72 years on, on that fateful date, June 6, last week, he and the 150,000 other

June 6, last week, he and the 150,000 other servicemen who took part in the invasion were being remembered. Lieutenant Brotheridge landed in one of three large Horsa gliders containing soldiers of the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, at precisely 16 minutes past midnight just feet away from the bridge over the Caen Canal, ahead of the large-scale invasion.

A weights and measures inspector by profession, he also played football for Aston Villa Colts and cricket for Mitchells & But-ler, Smethwick. Back home, his wife Maggie was eight months pregnant with their first

He was chosen to command 'D' Compa He was chosen to command 'D' Company's 25 Platoon, 6th Airborne Division, by Major John Howard. The original plan had been for Lt David Wood to lead the first platoon but shortly before D-Day, Howard changed the order of landing and Brotheridge was selected for the job. His glider, also carrying the major, landed 50ft from Bénouville Bridge, later renamed Pegasus in honour of the operation. The aircraft skidded to an abrupt halt on landing, with the force rendering all of the passengers momentarily unconscious.

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The platoon quickly recovered and Lt
Brotheridge led them across the bridge, rap-

idly dealing with any enemy they encountered. Reaching the other side, he dropped a grenade into a machine-gun post but seconds later he was shot and fell, mortally

Just 15 minutes after the landing, the ode signal 'Ham and Jam' was being

Just 15 minutes after the landing, the code signal 'Ham and Jam' was being broadcast back to Britain to say the bridge and the Gondree Cafe, on the opposite side of the canal, were captured – the first part of occupied France to be taken on D-Day. Major Howard later wrote of the news of his commander's fate: "It really shook me because it was Den, and how much of a friend he was, and because my leading platoon was now without an officer. At the top of my mind was the fact that I knew Margaret, his wife, was expecting a baby almost garet, his wife, was expecting a baby almost any time.

any time."
Denis Edwards, No.25 Platoon's sniper, wrote: "Every one of us was really distressed that Lt Brotheridge should have been killed in that way at the very start of our mission. He was a man for whom we had the greatest respect. Like all our Air-

borne officers, he had never asked us to do anything that he would not do himself."
On June 6, 1994, Major Howard returned to the scene to mark the 50th anniversary of D-Day. Then aged 81, he recalled his friend and former colleague.

He then reached into his pocket and produced the whistle he used that night to blast out the V for victory signal. Lt Brotheridge's body now lies in the War Cemetery in Ranville churchyard, near Caen. He was mentioned in dispatches, published in the London Gazette on September 28, 1944. The citation read: "Lt Brotheridge showed the highest qualities of leadership and braythe highest qualities of leadership and brav-ery and his outstanding example and dash was responsible for getting his men across and seizing the bridge intact – a vital factor

in the success of the airborne plan."
His widow Maggie gave birth to their daughter, Margaret, 19 days after his death. She also attended the anniversary memorial service in Caen to remember her father and, the following year, unveiled a plaque in his honour at Smethwick Council House.



Hero - Lieutenant Den Brotheridge, in his uniform

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# **Howzat for a fine** new clubhouse

UP to 100 people turned out to see the opening of the long-awaited new clubhouse at Penn Cricket Club. The £80,000 building at the club on Mount Road, has been made possible by funding from the Olympic and Paralympia Lerger Programmic

made possible by funding from the Olympic and Paralympic Legacy Programme.

The England Wales Cricket Board have paid for the addition of new practice nets, which the club says will provide safe practice facilities for all ages.

With the old clubhouse not large enough to accommodate the club's 80-strong membership, and bigger and better social facilities required to hold events, the club's committee has been seeking a replacement since 2003.

Finally this weekend they saw the much-needed replacement premises officially opened by the Mayor of Wolverhampton, Councillor Barry Findlay, and to top off a successful day, Penn were victorious over Stourbridge in a T20 match.

One of those who has seen the project through from be-

a T20 match.

One of those who has seen the project through from beginning to end, is player and committee member Simon Bennett, who joined the club in 2001. He said: "The old clubhouse was a dog-legged, small building, that wasn't very useful for events. Membership had outgrown the building, and it needed a new and bigger bar."

Simon highlighted how the new clubhouse is as much a fællitt for the local community, as it is for the cricketers.

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"The new building can take about 100 people, and there is a bigger bar area, which means we can look to hire it out as a venue for events such as weddings and socials. It is also wheelchair accessible," he added. "We already have meetings held at the club, and I know that more groups are also looking to use it." he said.

"It was great to see so many people at the opening, many of whom hadn't been to the club before. We hope to see



Mayor of Wolverhampton Barry Findlay with Penn Cricket Club captain Vikul Lal at the opening of the new clubhouse

# Ambulance service wins new contract for patient transfers

MORE than one million non-emergency patient jour-neys will be provided by West Midlands Ambulance Service (WMAS) next year after it was handed a new

contract.

The service has been awarded the contract to provide patient transfers for the Wolverhampton and Dudley areas. This is the first time that WMAS has provided

The multi-million pound contract means the Trust will complete about 160,000 patient journeys a year to New Cross and Russells Hall Hospitals as well as a num-

hew cross and cussells rala rospitates as went as a fulli-ber of other venues. The contract is for three years with an option of a further two years after that. Steven Marshall, Director of Strategy and Transfor-mation from Wolverhampton Clinical Commissioning Group said: "All parties are committed to continuous improvements for our patients and we are looking for-ment to medicine in waterwish is delivers which could be ward to working in partnership to deliver a high-quality

WMAS Commercial Services Director, Mark Gough, said: "This is excellent news for West Midlands Am-bulance Service and re-affirms our commitment to try and grow our patient transfer services (PTS) as much

and grow our patent transfer services (119) as indentage as possible.

"We now have over 60 per cent of the PTS market in the West Midlands which equates to over one million journeys a year; it is also a figure that we are working hard to grow still further.

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"I am particularly pleased to win this contract as it has been held by other organisations for many years."

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# **Dangerous** dogs bill for kennels is soaring

£600.000 in just 12 months on kennel fees to house dangerous dogs seized off the streets.

Despite the number of dogs being sent to kennels going down, new legislation brought in by the Government meant the costs to the force have risen.

had legislation imposed on us which has increased the pressures on our budget.

# Children

"I welcomed this change as it helps to remove ani-mals that may pose a risk to children and vulnerable people from our streets. How-ever, the new legislation is putting further weight on stretched police budgets as more dogs need kennelling whilst investigations are

whilst investigations are carried out.

"The Government need to consider these additional costs and the impact they have on local policing."

A report to a Strategic Policing and Crime Board stated: "The costs have con-

ernment meant the costs to the force have risen.

Police chiefs have labelled the hike 'outrageous' and have urged a rethink.

From May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016 the force seized 235 dangerous dogs - compared to 311 in the same period in 2014/15. However, the cost of kennelling the dangerous animals spiralled from £462,000 in 2014/15 to £620,000 in 2015/16.

The region's Police and Crime Commissioner David Jamieson said: "It's truly outrageous that we've spent nearly two-thirds of a million on the kennelling of dangerous dogs. We've had legislation imposed on the force have risen.

By David Cosgrove

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"The Operations Dog Unit is working with local policing units to provide support and guidance so they are able to conduct investigations in an effective and timely manner.

"The Dog Unit is also working with the courts and Crown Prosecution Service to try and address the delays

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within the criminal justice system."

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# Poppies turn countryside bright red



Sea of red - Poppies in fields near Kingswinford and Wall Heath Picture: Barry Jones

THIS stunning view of bright red poppies was captured after they erupted into bloom across a field on the edge of

June is the time of year when the iconic flower blossoms

in England, turning fields into seas of red.

And this was a particularly wonderful display of the flowers in full bloom was photographed in a field between

Kidderminster Road, Lodge Lane and Swindon Road. The flowers can be seen stretching across the fields.

Poppies have long been a symbol of peace and the red-flowered corn poppy is used as a symbol for remembrance after the poppies were the first flowers to bloom on the former battlefields of Flanders after the First World War.

A DELIVERY driver's bid to avoid getting penalty points backfired but he was spared prison when his custodial sentence was suspended.

man who allegedly lived in Smethwick as the driver, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

The address alerted officials because it had been used in several attempts at fraud, revealed Mr Howard Searle, and the Police hearbeit of the language of the province of the pr sentence was suspended.

Matthew Perry was caught by a camera doing 41 mph in a 30 limit at the wheel of his firm's truck in Nuneaton on October 25. The notice of prosecution reached the 47-year-old via his employer on December 15 but when it was returned to the authorities on January 8 it named another

at Iraud, revealed Mr Howard Searje, prosecuting. Police launched an inves-tigation which led back to the defend-ant who admitted paying a man in a pub £130 to make the ticket 'go away'. Perry from Fenton Street, Dud-

ley, who was of previous good char-acter and represented himself, told the court: "I just want to apologise for my actions. I knew from day one

pleaded guilty to attempting to pervert the course of justice and was given a two-month prison sentence suspended

for a year.

Judge James Burbidge QC told him:
"This kind of offence strikes at the heart of justice and normally ends in custody for the person responsible. But you have admitted the offence, tried to make amends and were of cred absorators are the town can be good character, so the term can be suspended.

Perry has to pay £300 costs and had six penalty points put on his licence.

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THREE Black Country MPs are due to take part in a European Union referendum debate in Dudley tomorrow night (Friday).

The event will take place at High Arcal

The event will take place at High Arcal School in Sedgley at 7pm. It will feature Wolverhampton South East MP Pat McFadden, Dudley South MP Mike Wood and has been organised by Ian Austin MP, who represents Dudley North.

He said: "It's a massive decision. Chatting to people in Dudley these past few weeks I've been struck by how frustrated people are with the lack of foroner debate and clear

are with the lack of proper debate and clear

"People tell me they need to hear all the facts and weigh up the arguments before making up their minds. That's why I'm organising Dudley's EU referendum debate, so local people can hear both sides of the argument in a serious, balanced debate." To reserve seats visit ianaustin.co.uk/

referendum\_debate, or call (01384) 342504.

# In or out debate as More than twice as many pupils caught with weapons

weapons at school in the West Midlands has more than doubled in just two years.

There were 64 children caught with a knife or other offensive weapons in 2015 or other offensive weapons in 2015 - up from 18 in 2013, according to figures released by police. Of those caught last year, one was only nine years old and two ten-year-olds were found with a weapon. A child took a hammer to school in 2015, while another was caught with a screwdriver in 2014. There were 15 kitchen knives recovered from publis in 2015, one more than the very before.

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Another pupil in the region had a ball bear-

caught with weapons at school, a Freedom of Information request from West Midlands Police

showed. In March this year it was reported how an 11-year-old boy was stabbed in the leg at Moseley Park School in Wolverhampton. Executive headteacher Georgetta Holloway said it was an "isolated incident". The victim was injured with a blade taken from a pencil sharpener. Two months earlier police were told of a fight at St Edmund's Catholic Academy in the city, during which a boy was said to have a small kitchen knife.

Earlier this year West Midlands Police

ents of teenaged boys to be aware that their sons could be carrying knifes and running the risk of being sent to prison, being badly injured or even killed. It included the image of a mother at her

rinied. It includes the image of a mouner at ner son's funeral.

The force's lead for knife crime Detective Chief Inspector Ian Parnell said: "During the last decade we have worked hard on campaigns and operations to reduce knife crime across the West Midlands. There is never any excuse to carry a weapon.

whether it's at a school or any other public place.
"As part of our educational campaigns we have ploughed resources into telling youngsters about the dangers of and consequences of carrying a knife.

# Rise in attacks on ambulance staff

ATTACKS on West Midland Ambulance Service staff attending 999 calls are on the rise, new figures have revealed. Workers reported a total of 760 physi-cal and verbal assaults between April 2015 and the end of March this year.

and the end of March this year.

Ambulance chiefs say they are 'extremely disappointed' that crews are being attacked 'at the hands of people they are trying to help'.

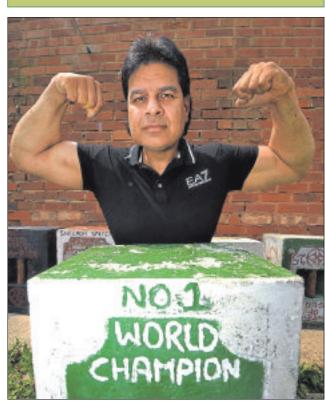
The figures show an increase of 23 per cent on the previous year when 617 incidents were logged.

During the 12 months, 49 people have been prosecuted for their actions while a further 40 have been sent warning letters over their behaviour.

Out of those written to, three people

Out of those written to, three people replied offering verbal apologies saying it was not their normal behaviour and one person submitted a complaint.

# Honours for local heroes



### Shazada Saleem has been honoured by the Queen in her 90th birthday celebrations

UNSUNG heroes from Dudley borough have been rewarded in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

Among those honoured is a former stone-lifting champion from Kingswinford who helped raise the profile of the sport in

who helped raise the profile of the sport in his earlier years.

After retiring, Shahzada Saleem has helped youngsters turn their lives around.

After breaking records in his youth – in-cluding becoming the first man to lift 200kg on his shoulders – Mr Saleem started the Shazad Academy for disadvantaged young-sters after retiring due to lack of connetsters after retiring due to lack of compet-

The 50-year-old volunteered his time, travelling across the UK and the world to keep the sport alive and to help youngsters turn their lives around.

be honoured with a British Empire Medal. He said: "It's the best thing I've ever achieved in my life. This is my dream come true – I'm over the moon.

# **Emotional**

"My mun passed away eight years ago and she loved the Queen so that makes it really emotional. It was such a shock and all the rest of my family are really happy. "Everyone is so proud or me and they've been saying I deserve it for what I've done for helping take kids off the streets." Hospice volunteer Jean Fletcher, aged 82, of Stourbridge, has been recognised for her services to both nursing care and to the National Trust. For the past seven years

across the UK and the world to port alive and to help youngsters lives around.

Mational Trust. For the past seven years the retired nurse has volunteered at Mary Stevens Hospiee where she helps relatives come to terms with their loss.

# Website lie proves Sabbath ends costly for gardener

A GARDENER who lied about membership of an approved traders' scheme has been ordered to pay more than £3,500. Danny Riley, trading as Bill and Ben The Garden Men, The Landscape Aden Company, The Landscape Men Limited and Outdoor Landscape Services Limited, claimed to be part of a landscaping and paving approved contractors' scheme when he wasn't. Riley, of Redhill Avenue, Wombourne, carried out work for a Stourbridge resident who was dissatisfied and complained to trading standards, who discovered he was making the false claim on his website, plus a further false claim of membership of another approved scheme.

approved scheme.

The 28-year-old pleaded guilty to three offences under the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations at Dudley Magistrates Court. He was handed a 12-month community order, 220 hours unpaid work, and told to repay the customer £2,500 and £1,048 costs to Dudley Council.

# where it began

BLACK Sabbath will come home for their final

nome for their final ever show as it was revealed they would end their story where it began – in Birmingham. The rockers' final gig will be the second of two nights at the Genting Arena, Feb-ruary 2 and 4. The line-up ruary 2 and 4. The line-up includes original members Ozzy Osbourne, Geezer Butler and Tony Iommi, who first played together in a Brum pub in 1968. Tickets for 'The End' go on sale tomorrow (Friday) at 9am from www.theticket-factory.com or call 0844 33 88 222.

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# Relaxed and rocking, back to 80s

BIG hair, Relax T-shirts odd Michael Jackson lookalike - the eighties came back with a bang to Sandwell.

Some 7,000 festival-goers flocked to Sandwell Valley Park to turn back time – and to once again enjoy the sounds of 12 of the biggest names in

of 12 of the biggest names in the eighties pop scene.

Frankie Goes to Hollywood frontman Holly Johnson, ABC, Kim Wilde and Band Aid cofounder Midge Ure were among the acts that took to the stage at the massive retro festival held at the West Bromwich venue.

Kicking off the party at around noon were Doctor and The Medics – best known for their hit Spirit in the Sky – followed by eighties boy band Brother Beyond.

the stage – Tiffany. The 'I Think We're Alone Now' star, prompted a lively response revealing how happy she was to be back in the area, saying: "I used to live around here as my husband is from Can-nock."

Former Bronski Beat and Comrormer Bronski Beat and Communards frontman Jimmy Somerville cranked up the 80s vibes with a resonating performance of You Make Me Feel. Go West then followed, belting out classics such as Call Me to the jubilant crowd.

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Having recently visited the region on his solo tour, it was a welcome return for former Ultravox frontman Midge Ure who wowed the crowd with Dancing With Tears In My Eyes and others, quickly followed by ABC who opened their set with classic crowd pleaser Poison Arrow and followed on with Viva Love.

The nepultimate act was Kim

The penultimate act was Kim Wilde, who brought an energetic and upbeat performance with a highlight being the hit You Keep Me Hangin' On.

Next up were Altered Images with colourful frontwoman and actress Clare Grogan.

The Pearson siblings otherwise known as Five Star – and dubbed Britain's answer to the Jackson Five – wowed the growing crowd with their upbeat music.

Then Nick Heyward appeared, who included hits from his former days with Haircut 100, such as Fantastic Day. A slight interval followed Nick's set as the stage team worked to fix a small 'technical hiccup'before the next act hit



Pals Marie Wilks, Steph Juszczyszyn, Nat, Vicky and Ash Holder from Darlaston



Hair raising fun from Amanda Taylor and Nicola Taylor of Stourbridge



The huge crowd at Sandwell Valley Park for Let's Rock Birmingham

# Sky's the limit for speed and power with air show

THIS Sunday marks the return of one of the region's most

popular events, the annual RAF Cosford Air Show.
With no tickets being sold on the day and tighter restrictions on people viewing the action from outside the show arena, organisers are anticipating an-other sell-out success at the airbase near

Albrighton.

The attractions planned for this year's show are bigger and better than ever, with with more aircraft on display and more interactive exhibitions

More than 20 display items are sched-uled to wow the crowds, from thrilling aerobatics from modern jets to inspiring demonstrations of classic wartime fight-

Peter Reoch, part of the operations team, said: "We always try to get a really eclectic mix of aircraft in the flying display for everyone to enjoy. Of course a lot of the aircraft are related to our themes with 'Speed' and 'Training' runing throughout the display this year."

Highlights to watch out for include the RAF Red Arrows. The team is once again the headline act but they have a few new moves for 2016, creating new



Another fantastic aerial show from the ever popular Red Arrows

and unique shapes with their signature red, white and blue smoke. The Red Arrows will also be performing a joint flypast with a King Air, to highlight the

aircraft's role in flying training.

It may sound odd that a helicopter weighing up to 50,000lbs could possibly perform aerobatic manoeuvres but that's exactly what the RAF Chinook Display Team manage to do with their helicopter

Even seasoned visitors to the air show may struggle to remember the last time they saw the Sea Vixen performing in the sky over RAF Cosford. This naval fighter has been out of the display scene for a few years but now she has been given a new lease of life as part of the Fly

Navy Heritage Trust. The Eurofighter Typhoon is the Royal Air Force's pri-mary fighter, standing by 24/7 to project Britain's airspace. The jet's world-class agility and power will be showcased dur-

agility and power will be showcased during a solo demonstration of the aircraft, flown by Fit Lt Mark Long.
Visitors to this year's show will also have the opportunity to be transported back in time to the 1950s at the University of Wolverhampton Vintage Village. It will complement one of the main show themes – speed – to showcase life in Britain during the formative years of jet engine design.

gine design.

Examples of vintage aircraft and vehicles will be on display with social and military history exhibitions.

military history exhibitions.

The University of Wolverhampton
Race Team will be showcasing its Morgan Plus 4 Babydoll racing car, based on
a 1950s design.

Colin Bourdiec is returning with his

George Formby tribute, alongside the return of the glamorous Glamophones, a retro girl band from Birmingham.

Tickets for RAF Cosford Air Show cost £25 per adult, free for accompanied children under 16, from the RAF Museum or www.cosfordairshow.co.uk website.



A Jaquar, one of the fighter jets involved in the air show

School are waking up to the benefits of breakfast after the school teamedup with the Co-op in a bid to fuel improved GCSE examination results.

School staff estimate that as many as two-thirds of its exam students either skip the first meal of the day or

Students have now given 'top marks' to a trial which sees The Co-op serve up almost 4,500 breakfasts to the near 200 Year 11 pupils during the GCSE exam period.

Items donated by the community retailer include bananas, breakfast bars, products from its new healthy snacking range and bottled mineral water.

nity partnerships and also a school governor, said: "The school wants its pupils to achieve their best, while pre-paring them for life beyond the class-

"Our work with The Co-op looks at behaviour and attitudes towards

# Discussions back on over proposal for new Thursday market

# Happiness reigns at parties street market to Stourbridge have stalled but bosses behind



Feeling patriotic - Lindsey Holliday at The High Acres in Kingswinford

CAKE, smiles and roof-raising renditions of the national anthem there really was no better way to celebrate the Queen's 90th birth-day last weekend.

Thousands of people in the Black Country and Staffordshire turned out to tens of events across the regions to celebrate the Monarch's milestone, and they were not put off by the rain.

Events in London saw flyovers by the RAF, a flotilla of some 50 boats on the River Thames and a special picnic for all the organisations that Queen Elizabeth II is a patron of.

two million

homes in plan

parties in the Black Country, it was clear that Her Majesty Queen Eliz-abeth II has captured the hearts of young and old.

Many of the parties used the occasion to not only celebrate the Queen's life and reign, but also that of the community they live in. High Acres Community Associa-

This Actres Community Association in Kingswinford released hundreds of balloons in honour of the Queen, while the crowd belted out God Save the Queen at a family fun day held in her honour.

Lindsey Holliday, one of the organisers, said: "It went really well. I love anything to do with the royals."

the scheme insist they remain committed to the project.

It was hoped a weekly Thursday market could have launched this April but LSD Promotions, which put the proposals forward, appears to be no closer to getting the go sheet.

proposals forward, appears to be no closer to getting the go-ahead. The arrival of the market would have seen High Street and Market Street closed to traffic each Thursday. The proposals have met with mixed views.

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Opposition from some traders and uncertainty over the leadership of Dudley Council following the local elections meant the proposals were put on the back burner.

But Michael Morgan, from LSD, said he

was hopeful now that the Labour group has been confirmed as in control the proposal will be back on the agenda. However, he was unable to say when the market could be up and running, saying it

marker could be up and running, saying it was a 'waiting game'.

Mr Morgan added: "After the local elections, nobody was left in overall control so it was put back with everything else that was going on. Now we can get in rolling again"

# Impact

Stourbridge councillor Nicholas Barlow said concerns from the Stourbridge Cham-ber of Trade has also had an impact.

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Some traders claimed holding a market
on a Thursday could have a damaging effect on the high street but the idea has been
largely welcomed by the public.

Councillor Barlow explained: "I know it
went to consultation with the chamber of

trade and there were some concerns about

trace and there were some concerns about the proposed siting within the High Street. "Unfortunately, it's still up air. We want to make sure the balance is right and there is not an effect on established businesses." However, Councillor Barlow remained confident the market would still go ahead.

He said: "It is certainly something that is

He said: "It is certainly something that is welcomed by people who come into Stourbridge. They would like to see a market back on a regular basis.
"Discussions are still going on behind the scenes. We have to make sure it is right for the whole of Stourbridge."

The possibility of holding the market on Saturdays instead was floated by some traders and Stourbridge MP Margot James was in favour of a Saturday market.

# 500,000 jobs and Man jailed after taking crossbow to attack scene

been laid out as part of the new West Midlands Com-

new West Midlands Com-bined Authority (WMCA). The authority will see 1.9 million homes built over the next 15 years to help trans-form the West Midland,

It is hoped the authority will oversee 500,000 jobs created, increased life expectancy for residents and an extra 20,000 businesses up and running.

up and running.
The WMCA, which was set up following the region's landmark devolution deal, was due to be formally

AMBITIOUS plans for almost two million new homes met delays after its official and half a million jobs have formation was challenged in been laid out as part of the Parliament (see page 19).

rariament (see page 19).
But at its inaugural meeting bosses revealed a range of ambitious targets, which included a £70 million commercial development fund to provide short-term loans to husinesses.

Authority chairman Bob Sleigh said: "Our plan is the blueprint for a region reborn. It ensures resources are focused in the right places at the right times to deliver for the right and Julium for the right times to deliver fast, flexible and dv namic change in the areas that matter most to the peo-ple and firms of the region."

A 30-year-old man who grabbed a crossbow and went to the aid of a friend who was being beaten up by gang has been put behind

bars.

The weapon went off accidentally as John Jones and his pal struggled to load it, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

The defendant made the intervention offer specting.

intervention after spotting the attack taking place in Bell Street South, Brierley Hill on March 3, said Mr Oliver Woolhouse, prose-

cuting. Trouble flared when two groups clashed during the afternoon in the busy street. "It was an ugly incident but fortunately nobody was injured," added Mr Wool-

Police were called and found the crossbow at the nearby home of Jones, who had a string of previous convictions.

victions.

Mr Timothy Talbot-Webb,
defending, said: "He was not
involved but saw a man he
knew being beaten up. He
maintained that some of the group carrying out the attack had knives."

The defendant from Bell

Street South pleaded guilty to possession of an offensive weapon and was jailed for 18 months.



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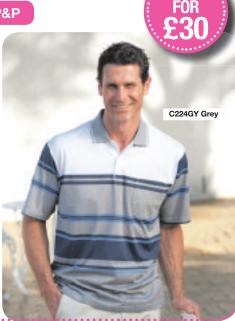
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# **Veterans' medals will be** 'forgotten war' reminder

VETERANS from the 'forgotten war' in Korea have presented Wolverhampton with three medals to help ensure that the conflict is remembered by future generations.

Almost 100,000 British troops fought in the Korean War between 1950 and 1953 and more than 1,000 were killed. But many of those who served feel the conflict lacks of public attention as it has been dwarfed by memories of the preceding Second World War and the subsequent conflict in Vietnam.

The war broke out when Communist North Koreans invaded South Korea with the backing of Mao's China and Stalin's Soviet Russia.

Last week members of the Wolver-

Last week members of the Wolverhampton branch of the British Ko-rean Veterans Association handed a Korean Medal, a United Nations Service Medal for Korea and an

Ambassador for Peace Medal to the Mayor of Wolverhampton, Council-lor Barry Findlay. The medals will be displayed in the mayoral suite at the city's Civic Centre.

Branch chairman Len Flavell said:

"The Korean War has always been known as the forgotten war. It was always felt that it was a foreign condict."

flict."
"The war must be remembered will be here forand those medals will be here for-ever. Hopefully they will be seen by children and their families who will

then want to know more about it."
Mr Flavell, of Coseley, served in the Army's catering corps in Korea in 1954 and 1955.

The 80-year-old travelled back to South Korea in 2013 and is frustrated that Korea remains divided more than 60 years later.



Mr Flavell hands the medals to Wolverhampton Mayor Barry Findlay flanked by Korean War veterans

# Americans buy alloy wheel family firm

ONE of the Black Country's leading manufacturing firms, which employs 230, has been bought by American investors in a multi-million pound deal.

The price tag on the takeover of West Bromwich-based Rimstock, which makes forged and cast alloy wheels, has not been revealed but the new owners are promising major investment and growth for the future.

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Rimstock chief executive and managing director Stephen Lane remains at the head of the company with a new executive chairman, British entrepreneur David Roberts. Rimstock's founder Steve Neal has sold the business but will remain as a consultant, while his son Matt, the racing driver and former marketing director, will be retained as a brand ambassador.

Matt said: "It's a bit bittersweet for my father. He has put his heart and soul into the business. He is 75 in October and Rimstock is the reason he grets up in the morning."

ber and Rimstock is the reason he gets up in the morning but the company needed substantial investment. It was an offer we couldn't really refuse."

The company employs 230, mostly at its Ridgacre Road factory, and turns over nearly £17 million a year.

# Combined authority move could be a 'trap'

bined Authority could lead to a return to the poll tax, a Black Country MP has warned.

Warley MP John Spellar told a Westminster committee he was concerned that plans for the combined authority were being 'rushed through' and that calculating a fair funding method was one of a

based on the total resident population.

Mr Spellar said: "It will not be based on the council tax value or on a proportion of income, but will just be a per capita charge – in other words, back to the poll tax."

The much-criticised poll tax was brought in by Margaret Thatcher's Tory Government in 1990 in place of the rates system. It was scrapped in 1993/94 and replaced with council tax in the wake of huge public opposition, which led to riots on the streets and court on the streets and court appearances for those who

appearances for those who refused to pay.

Mr Spellar also warned of 'traps' that could see health functions transferred from the NHS to the combined authority, without the cash to fund them.

"We have had experience of that before," he said. "Councils have had a number of responsibilities transferred to them but unfortunately the money, number of responsibilities transferred to them but unfortunately the money, or the sums that were previously being spent, did not follow. The responsibilities were transferred but so were increasing liabilities, meaning other council services have had to be cut."

Mr Spellar said people affected by the combined authority were still 'in the dark' as to what its precise make-up would be.

"The core authorities are the councils of the old West Midlands County Council," he said. "However, discussions are taking place about whether Warwickshire will be involved, although it is unclear what stage they are at. Equally, discussions



Warning - John Spellar MP

are taking place as to the involvement of Telford and

"That would be quite a different type of authority and people in the region, not just Parliamentarians, want to know what the shape of

to know what the shape of the authority will be."

The West Midlands Combined Authority is currently at the draft stage and is due to be debated in Parliament later this year with a metro mayor for the region due to be elected in May 2017.

Mr Spellar added: "There are some serious questions

are some serious questions that make this a very unsatisfactory proposal, and it is being rushed through before these important issues have been resolved locally or be tween Government and the

relevant local authorities."
Coventry South Labour
MP Jim Cunningham said
he could not think of any local authority in the West Midlands that really wanted

Midlands that really wanted this deal.
"But the authorities know if they do not go ahead with it, they could be subject to certain sanctions," he said. "For example, a reduction in any grants they may get from central government. In the Chancellor's budget In the Chancellor's budget statement, he said that grants to local authorities were going to be removed over a period. The under-lying strategy is to shift responsibility for funding local services from central Government."



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# Sought-after spoons can cause stir in salesroom

# **ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES**



I'M often asked about items that have proved to be 'star' sellers in the saleroom and the one lot that readily springs to mind is usually the amazing scrimshaw walking cane that sold for a staggering £46,000

However, certain other lots do stand out - such

as a collection of historic silver spoons, including apostle spoons, v which more amazing £50,000 a few

years ago. Collectable spoons continue to attract the bidders and so I thought this week I would take a look at

those that will appeal the most.

The spoons I mentioned were extremely rare and The spoons I mentioned were extremely rate and dealers from all over the world were bidding for them – so if you do find some lurking in the attic you could make a considerable amount of money!

An apostle spoon, usually made of silver, silver plate and occasionally pewter, features an image on the handle of an apostle or other figure related to Christianity

and often the handle image could also be used as a per

They can date from the early 1400s, represent the Last Supper and were hugely popular in both England

Last Supper and were nugery popular in coar England and Germany.

They were usually made in sets of 12, with an extra one of Jesus being known as the Master or Saviour spoon and sometimes the 13th spoon featured the Vir

gnn mary.

The spoons had become ideal presents for god-children by the 1500s, although their popularity was on the wane by the late 17th century.

Famous playwrights such as Francis Beaumont and

Famous piaywrights such as Francis Deathfold and Ben Jonson refer to apostle spoons within their works, and Shakespeare mentions them in Henry VIII.

It's very uncommon to find one apostle spoon, a se-



come upon a set of 13, complete with the Master spoon, you will be very lucky indeed!

terms In 'regular'

vintage silver ones come in all styles and sizes - from

vintage silver ones come in all styles and sizes – from mustard and salt spoons, tea and coffee spoons to pudding, soup and serving spoons, all of which are valued according to the their age and condition.

A set of Georgian table spoons could easily sell for several hundred pounds, whilst a very rare Paul Storr solid silver ladle could make £1,500 or more.

Paul Storr is definitely a name to look out for, a famous 19th century English silversmith he made everything from tableware for royalty to a special silver cup for Lord Nelson – his work is displayed at both Windsor Castle and Buckingham Palace.

Windsor Castle and Buckingham Palace.
You can buy his spoons today without looking too hard . . . if you have the money.
I recently saw a set of eight Paul Storr silver gilt tea spoons, dated 1835, for sale on the internet for a cool £3,200! Having said all that, it is of course possible to pick

up some very nice vintage spoons at affordable prices
... but if you find one at the back of a drawer that is
hallmarked it might just be an idea to get it valued!

Perry and Phillips holds valuation days, for sale items only, every Wednesday from 10am until 4pm at its Mill Street saleroom in Low Town, Bridgnorth, and auctions of antiques and collectibles are held on the first Tuesday of each

# Trends change but home is still sweet home



Artistic flair on display at home

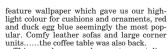
WHEN I was 15 I was allowed to choose my bedroom decoration for the first time. I chose purple graphic circle wallpaper with matching curtains, lilac walls and purple flowered bedlinen. It was super fashionable and trendy for its time and I Ioved it. I had no new car-

for its time and I loved it. I had no new carpet or furniture because it was just too expensive.....then came MFI and later IKEA, Dunelm and The Range and the price of furniture and household decorations reduced dramatically and suddenly we were able to change our living space in every room and our external environment on a regular basis.

I remember the wallpaper in my grandparents' house, pretty flowered wallpaper that had been there from when they moved in, floral curtains and a floral carpet. It had a historic, lived in feeling of comfort but really nothing matched and new items, if there were ever any, were limited and functional, usually presents or brought by friends from far off lands.

Today the new trends are a yearly process with colour groups suggesting the newest looks for the season. The most noticeable recent style was the bright large flowered

**FOCUS** 



This year has several very strong styling trends for our homes, the first is nature, delightful birds and flowers, feathers, fauna and flora covering our walls in subtle beautiful natural colours, intricate, delicate botanical

designs.

There are also the wallpapers that give a complete location image, a feature wall of a forest scene, countryside location, cityscape,

lorest scene, countrystee nocator, cayscape, beach or even bespoke art. Incredible artwork with lifestyle theming.

Textural looks with illusional printed brickwork, wooden plank imagery, 3D designs and linen rough cloth, leather and concrete.

Then there is metallic gold, hugely important as a room highlight in sumptuous richly coloured spaces using fur and velvet to complement, even working well in a contempo-

plement, even working well in a contemporary white or largely monochrome theme.

The love for colouring books, the newest trend, has also moved into the children's room with wallpaper covered in lined designs ready to colour in your choice of crayon, paint or ink, blackboard backgrounds and magnetic paint noticeboards. How wonderful to be a child actively encouraged to decorate the walls

With all these delightful new ideas we now also mix and match with vintage and preloved pieces, repainted and given a new lease of life. The choice of paint is amazing, whatever

theme you are trying to achieve there will be a medium to produce it. Lighting is hugely important to give the at-mosphere you want in these incredibly artis-tic rooms and today we consider the various moods we want in our living space and the

moods we want in our inving space and the process is complete.

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A favourite toy can reassure children



Jo Frost reading with children at the launch of Bath Book Bed in London

# Keep it simple to give youngsters a good sleep



Childcare expert Jo Frost

THE secret to getting a good Report by Lisa Salmon night's sleep when you're parents of young children is simply: Bath, Book, Bed, TV nanny Jo

Frost tells Lisa Salmon
Exhausted parents of babies and young children say they'd pay thousands of pounds to end sleepless

nights.

But TV nanny Jo Frost insists they don't need to pay a penny to get a decent night's sleep – just stringently adhere to the routine of bath, book, bed with their child.

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Frost is supporting the new BookTrust
Bath Book Bed campaign to encourage the
fundamental bedtime routine, which will
help all the family sleep well, encourage a
love of reading, and promote the bond between parent and child.
Frost, who found fame in TV's Supernanny, says: "Sleep deprivation is the most
common complaint I hear from parents of
young children. Tired parents and tired
children is a recipe for disaster.
"But the solution doesn't need to be
complicated regimes or expensive gizmos.
A routine as simple as bath, book, bed can
get young children to settle so everyone can
benefit from a good night's sleep."
A survey of a thousand parents with children aged three and under by the reading

charity BookTrust found 78 per cent believe lack of sleep is the hardest part of being a new parent, with many claiming they'd pay more than £10,000 to put an end to sleep-less sight. less nights.

less nights.

More than half of parents (60 per cent) say they want guidance on having a consistent and successful routine to get their child to sleep at night, which prompted BookTrust to team up with Frost to launch Bath Book Bed

Frost, who has been a nanny for more than 20 years, says: "Story time is an inte-gral part of a bedtime routine – it strength-ens children's vocabulary and literacy skills, and enables them to foster a love of reading

"Kids need to feel safe and secure when they sleep, and when you spend quality time reading stories to them, you wind yourself down as well as your children through the

love of storytelling.

"It can be tactile too – you play with their hair and rub their back, they turn the

She explains that the safe feeling provided by the routine not only helps children get to sleep, but relaxes them enough to give them a sound night's sleep and helps prevent night waking.

"The routine helps them wind down,

and there are fewer interruptions during the night because there's less anxiety as parents have given them their loving time before they go to sleep, and the child feels settled," explains Frost.

Frost advises parents to read to babies as soon as they're born, because the rhythm, tone and repetition helps establish a healthy routine and love for reading straight away.

"Once they've had that from such a young age it becomes an enjoyable part of their life," she says.

"Parents think there's some magic fairy dust that will help kids sleep, and there isn't – what you need is bath, book and bed. Encouraging parents to do it is a big deal."

The research also found that 71 per cent of parents with children aged three and under feel they have a shorter temper when tired and it affects their family life.

Frost says: "You're more irritable because you're exhausted, and you're almost feeling despair. The way to break that is through routine." She stresses that bedtime shouldn't be about TVs and tablets, pointing out: "It's not the same as having the reassurance and safety, security and comfort of their loved ones around them to nurture and look after them. It's my hope that famof their loved ones around them to nurture and look after them. It's my hope that families understand the enormous impact they can make in their children's lives with a few minutes of fun reading each night."













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# Foster carers needed – can you assist?

DUDLEY Council's fostering service is looking for great new foster carers to provide homes for looked after children in the borough.

The service's current campaign 'I foster, you can too' highlights the vast range of people who can foster and the type of children who need homes.

Dudley fostering offers a rewarding career, 24

Dudley fostering offers a rewarding career, 24 hour support, training and guidance 365 days a year and a range of fostering options.

The team holds regular drop-in sessions across

This gives people who have an interest in fostering the opportunity to find out more by speaking informally to a member of the fostering team and Dudley's existing carers.

### Safe

Iona Payne, head of looked after children, said: "We're always looking for new foster carers and we're really keen for anyone who thinks they can offer a safe home to one of our looked after children to contact us or come along to one of our drop-in sessions.

"We would particularly like to hear from anyone interested in caring for teenagers, children with disabilities or those who have the ability to take more than one child so brothers and sisters can stay together.

"We would also like to hear from people interested in fostering a child long term.

"No one has to make a commitment when they contact us, we'd just really like to hear from people who are interested."

People can find out more about the drop-in sessions and fostering by visiting the website at www.dudley.gov.uk/fostering

Alternatively, by email at fosteringrecruitment@dudley.gov.uk or telephone 01384 815833.

# Former Mayor's total tops a lifetime of fundraising

THE former Mayor of Dudley has raised more than £40,000 for charity in just one year – to add to the hundreds of thousands he has helped raise over four decades.

Councillor Steve Waltho has crammed in hundreds of civic engagements, fundraising events and other activities during his Mayoral year which ended last month. It includes a record-breaking Mayor's charity

thincludes a record-oreating mayor scrienty ball, a London Marathon, a climb up Ben Nevis and a range of other events to help generate the cash for his five charities. People have also been donating online via the Mayor's BT My Donate charity page which has raised over £1,000 this year.

But the year is dwarfed by the hundreds of thousands of pounds Councillor Waltho has managed to raise for charity over more than 40 years.

From climbing Mount Kilimanjaro to setting up snooker and table tennis marathons he has done it all in the name of charity, raising more than £250,000 for worthy causes along the way.

All of these treks and stunts have been carried out while juggling his role serving his community as a dedicated local councillor for more than 18 years with Dudley Council and holding down a full time shift job at chemical manufacturers Solvay in Oldbury who kindly allowed him a year's release to undertake his Mayoral duties.

Steve, now 60, first took the step into public service as a councillor following the loss of his father in 1990. Looking to channel his energies into putting something back into the commu-



Former Dudley Mayor, Councillor Steve Waltho, pictured with wife Jayne

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nity, he wanted to do more to ensure health dedicated charity event each year. These have and social care services were as good as they included raising £5,000 for local charities by should be for the country's ageing population. climbing Mount Kilimanjaro with his eldest son

He was first elected as a local councillor back in 1996 where he served the Wordsley ward just outside Stourbridge for eight years. During this time, as well as becoming a well respected community councillor helping residents in the area, he took on the role of chairman of the social services committee as his passion for health and care came to the fore.

From 2006 right through to the present day he has served the St Thomas's ward, on the edge of Dudley town centre. During this time he has held the roles of cabinet member for adult and community services and cabinet member for housing and community safety. He also chairs the borough's organ donation committee.

Since turning 50 back in 2005, the father-of-two has committed to staging one personal

dedicated charity event each year. I hese have included raising £5,000 for local charities by climbing Mount Kilimanjaro with his eldest son James, doing the Three Peaks in 24 hours, walking from coast to coast across Britain and to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee in 2012, completing a 100 mile continuous walk.

These large scale fundraising feats are a far cry from his first charity stunt. Aged just 17, young Steve organised a world record attempt for the longest ever table tennis marathon in a church hall in Smethwick. Though his attempt to break the four day world record set by a group of marines failed, the plucky 17-year-old and three friends clocked up 36 hours at the table and raised around £200 for their troubles (which was no small sum back in the late 1970s). The experience gave him the taste for fundraising and he has never looked back.

His other challenges include 14 marathons, including this year's London Marathon which

he ran with his younger son Joe, completed a borough mini-triathlon, jumped out of an aeroplane and cycled from Land's End to John O'Groats to name but a few.

He even takes charity into his professional life. Throughout all his time serving the public and raising funds for charity he has worked at Solvay (formerly Albright & Wilson) for 42 years

During this time he was instrumental in setting up a 'payroll charity giving scheme' of which he has been secretary for over 25 years raising over £100,000 for charity to date. He is also a trade union shop steward and has served in the works fire brigade.

Throughout 2015/16, his exemplary public service has been recognised as he was made Mayor of Dudley. His right hand and Mayores has been his wife Jayne who also somehow managed to win a national dance competition in Blackpool. During his Mayoral year he helped five charities – The Hope Centre, The What? Centre, More Mascots Please, Leukaemia Unit Appeal Fund, Russells Hall and The

West Midlands Lupus Group.

Councillor Steve Waltho, former Mayor of Dudley, said: "It has been an honour to meet some incredible people and organisations doing wonderful things across our borough in a year we'll never forget.

"There are so many amazing charities out there who really do change lives. Without the work they do many people would simply not be able to lead anything like a normal life. "I've been in a very privileged position as a

"I've been in a very privileged position as a councillor and as Mayor, which has given me a unique opportunity to raise a large amount of money to help these charities continue their work."





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# Introducing the **Mayor of Dudley**

THE first Muslim May-ar of Dudley has is "It is an enormous honour or of Dudley has is committed to raising money for three charities during his year of

Councillor Mohammed Hanif was named the borough's first citizen at a meeting of the full council on Thursday, May 19. The former Deputy Mayor,

who has also been a council-lor for nine years in the Lye and Stourbridge North ward, Councillor Hanif has pledged to raise thousands of pounds for charity split between three charities.

The charities will be Friends of Alfie Johnson (helping children with disabilities), Diabetes UK – Type 2 Together and Dudley CIL (physically and visually impaired with mental health and learning disabilities).

Councillor Hanif will continue to champion the work of community volunteers and local diverse groups as he did during his year as Deputy last year and is keen to raise the profile of the work that goes on.

Councillor Mohammed and a privilege to be the Mayor of Dudley and I will serve the residents of Dudley borough to the best of my ability.

"Both the Mayoress and I

are looking forward to being ambassadors for the borough and promoting all the good things that happen here as well as the rich Black Country culture full of indus-

trial heritage.

"I am also very proud to be the first Muslim Mayor of the borough and passionate about working with the local diverse communities.

### **Volunteers**

"It is with the work of volunteers in our communities in mind that I have chosen the above local charities to support.

"I will stress how important it is that people give whatever they can afford for these worthwhile causes."

Councillor Hanif's wife, Zabeda Khanam, was named Mayoress at the ceremony in the council chamber, while Councillor Dave Tyler was officially sworn in as Deputy Mayor of Dudley and his wife Barbara is Deputy Mayoress.



Mayor Mohammed Hanif and his wife, mayoress Zabeda Khanam

# New faces join council cabinet

NEW faces have joined Dudley Council's cabinet team to drive forward change and innovation for the borough.

Councillor Pete Lowe, leader of Dudley Council, announced the new look

team at a meeting of the full council. It includes two new faces following the re-cent elections. Councillor John Martin is now cabinet member for law and governance, while Councillor Qadar Zada is the cabinet member for adult social care. The cabinet in

- Councillor Pete Lowe; Leader of the council and cabinet member for policy
- Councillor Judy Foster; Deputy leader of the council / cabinet member for community
- Councillor David Sparks; Cabinet member for finance
- Councillor Hilary Bills; Cabinet member for environmental services
- Councillor Khurshid Ahmed; Cabinet member for planning and economic development
- Councillor Gaye Partridge; Cabinet
- member for housing

  Ouncillor Qadar Zada; Cabinet member for adult social care
- Councillor Rachel Harris; Cabinet mem-
- ber for health and well being

  Councillor lan Cooper; Cabinet member for children's services
- Councillor John Martin; Cabinet member for law and governance

Councillor Pete Lowe, leader of Dudley Council, said: "I am proud to announce the cabinet we have put forward who are more than up to the task for the challenging times

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Proud - Councillor Pete Lowe, leader of Dudley Council

and the opportunities ahead of us as a local authority. As a council we need to be innovative and responsive to change in the years ahead and I have every confidence we can

"We have a good mixture of new faces to provide fresh impetus to such an important role, working alongside the equally as important experienced members of this cabinet.





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# Enjoy a wide variety of events at Himley

and band concerts there's something for everyone at Himley Hall and Park this summer.

Hot on the heels of this year's successful borough trail attended by more than 1,300 people, a summer season of events, walks and fun days is on the horizon at Himley.

There's a guided walk around the Him-ley Estate on June 18, from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

It's a chance to explore some of Himley's fascinating history and observe wildlife found on the park with the opportunity to visit the Earl of Dudley's Memory Garden at the end of the walk.

Suitable footwear is needed and walkers

should meet by the notice board on the main car park.

The walk is free but booking is essential on 01384 817817.

There's more Himley history on Saturday. June 18 (11am to 4pm) and Sunday, June 19, (1pm to 3.30pm) with two open days at the Earl of Dudley's Memorial Garden.

This is the only opportunity in the year to view the evocative Earl of Dudley's private Memory Garden, the last resting place of the actress Gertie Millar wife of the second Earl of Dudley, as well as the fourth Earl and his wife the film star Maureen Swanson. On Saturday there will be stalls, organ music and refreshments. There is a small admis-

sion charge to enter the Memory Garden.
The season of free band concerts, sponsored by Wolverhampton Grand Theatre continues on June 19 (2.30 - 5pm). Visitiors can go along and enjoy a pleasant afternoon listening to BJ Concert Band. Deckchairs and picnics are welcome, and

treats. Other planned concert dates include
July 27 with Cleobury Mortimer Concert Brass and August 7 with the Black Country Ukulele Band, both run 2.30 – 5pm.

The free concerts will take place in the charming surroundings on the lawns within the hall's courtyard and people are encouraged to bring along deckchairs, blankets and picnics to enjoy the afternoon.

Limited seating will be provided. People

will also be able to purchase refreshments from the hall's tea room, which will be open from 2 to 4.30pm.

### Teas

More dates have been added to the popular indulgent afternoon teas at the hall. Visitors can enjoy the classic combination of ribbon sandwiches, scones with fruit conserve and cream, sweet pastries and tea in the superb settings of Himley Hall.

Indulgent afternoon tea costs from £19.95 per person and must be pre-booked on 01384 817817.

The ever-popular Under 5s Day returns on June 24 from 10am to 3pm, while on June 26 from 11am to 5pm, the borough will be celebrating the work of servicement and women past and present at British Armed Forces Day.

June 26 also provides the opportunity to take part in a sailing taster day, for free. Running from from 10am to 1pm, places are limited and should be booked via Tony Sutton on 07774 818449

This year's exhibitions within Himley Hall itself are open to the public Tuesday to Sunday 2-5pm and Bank Holiday Monday 2-5pm. Admission is free.

For more information call 01384 817817 or visit www.himleyhall.gov.uk





# un times for the under 5s at park

at Himley Hall and Park kicks off on Friday,

The park will be transformed with a man made beach for voungsters and the Himley land train will be departing from the specially created Himley Station to take passengers for free train rides around the Under 5s event cordon.

The annual fun day is this

year supported by the Grand Theatre and is set to be bigger and better than ever before

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sions, creation station craft activities, baby ballet and disco ducks dance classes.

Plus, children will be able to meet a range of animals when a part of the park is transformed into a mini farm and enjoy interactive story sessions. Children will also be able to take a ride on a donkey or take a spin on the mini fun fair - please note there is a small charge applies for these activities.

Gates open at 10am to 3pm and admission is £4 for adults. £4 for children aged two to five and £2.50 for children under 2.

A family ticket costs £14 for two adults and two children and free parking is available

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The park will be transformed by a man made beach for youngsters

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Singing trio the D-Day Darlings will perform songs of the wartime era Show your support for the armed forces on June 26 at Himley Hall and Park Marching bands will add to the spectacle as they parade before a crowd



Sealed Knot civil war re-enactors display their skills

# Salute to our ned forces

ing itself for one of the biggest weekends of the year as it gears up for Armed Forces Day.

Following the fun of Under 5s on June 24, the park will be transformed for Armed Forces Day two days later. This year's annual celebration of the work of servicemen and women is being held on Sunday, June 26, in association with Forces Recruitment Services.

The event runs from 11am to 5pm and

admission and parking is free.

The day's formal line-up will include the return of the popular singing trio the D-Day Darlings who will be performing the most popular songs of the wartime era in

13 Enville Road, Wall Heath DY6 0JT

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Training Cadets will be celebrating their 75th anniversary and Sealed Knot civil war re-enactors will also be demonstrating their skills.

The day's events will also see a tribute to the Queen to mark her 90th birthday and becoming the longest serving monarch.

Every year thousands of people go along for a fun filled day out for all of the family in honour of our British Armed Forc-

The park is full of activities for people of all ages including assault courses, chil-dren's vintage fairground rides, paintball and archery, a climbing wall, history talks and exhibitions and military vehicle dis-

The day's highlights will be a HM veter an's badge presentation to ex-service personnel, a spitfire flypast (weather permitting) by the RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Team and the spectacular Beating Retreat finale, led by the RAF Cosford Voluntary Band.

The Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Mo-hammed Hanif, said: "I am really proud that we are able to offer such fantastic events for people across the borough and beyond to enjoy.

"It's set to be a great weekend and I

would urge people to come along and be a part of these special occasions.

"Fingers crossed the sun is shining!"
To find out more about both of these events go to www.dudley.gov.uk



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# Vacancies now available with a housingscheme

SEVERAL vacancies have become available at four popular sheltered housing schemes in the Dudley borouah.

Dudley Council's sheltered housing complexes offer older people the perfect combina-tion of maintaining their independence along

with the assurance of safety and security.
The schemes, Netherton Lodge in Dudley, Church
View in Lower Gornal, Joe Jones Court in Sedgley
and The Gables in Kingswinford offer a variety of flats and flatlets each with their own front door, kitchen, bathroom and toilet.

Supportive staff are on hand for help if required and all properties are linked to a 24-hour monitoring

### **Activities**

There is also a secure door entry system, laundry facilities, attractive gardens, shared kitchen, guest bedroom, and communal lounges where tenants can get together and a range of social activities take

Councillor Gaye Partridge, cabinet member for housing, said: "Everyone wants to feel safe and secure in their own home, particularly as they get

"Our sheltered housing schemes provide the per-fect solution for many older people, who feel happy and secure living in them.

"If there are care needs our dedicated team of care professionals work with tenants to ensure that each individual's needs are met.

"At the same time people continue to live independently in their own flat, with their own front door but with the benefit of communal facilities and the reassurance that help is on hand as and when need-

Anyone interested in finding out more about available properties in the identified schemes, as well as across the borough, should call 01384 812042 or visit www.dudley.gov.uk (search sheltered housing)





A Global Geopark is an area of international significance for everyone to enjoy

# Bidding to become Black Country Global Geopar

Country as it bids to become a UNESCO Global Geopark to showcase its geology, culture and heritage internationally.

A Global Geopark is an area of international significance that protects and promotes the geological and related industrial and cultural heritage for everyone to enjoy now and in the future.

It links different heritage sites across an area to tell the story of the landscape and in the case of the Black Country, the significant part it played in the industrial revolution is at the heart of the bid and proposed Global

nature laid down layers of special rocks and fossils where ingenious people came to study this geology, to extract the mineral wealth from the ground and used it to make inventions and discoveries that would change our understanding and modernise the whole world.

The Black Country has a large number of unique heritage features and sites of interest including the Wren's Nest national nature reserve, canal networks, caverns and structures. museums and art galleries, an 11th century castle, industrial structures and parklands and wildlife sites.

Together, it is hoped that these sites will form the Black Country Global Geopark and

plore the hidden gems.

This will not only boost the local economy but will provide a host of new opportunities for learning and inspiration.

Graham Worton, project lead for the Black Country Global Geopark project and keeper of geology at Dudley Council, said: "This is a very exciting time for the Black Country. We have so many heritage sites and areas of huge significance, which we need to share with the world.

"We are very enthusiastic about the future potential and hope we will become a Global Geopark, this will be fitting recognition of the importance of the heritage, change some pereas we live in and put us on a par with other Geoparks worldwide."

Earlier this year, the four Black Country authorities (Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton councils) submitted the applica-tion to become part of the UNESCO network. Shortly, the area will receive a visit from UN-

ESCO as part of the application process before a decision is made early next year. Find out more at www.blackcountry

geopark.org.uk.

Keep up-to- date as the project progresses by following us on Twitter (@BCGeopark) and Facebook (Black Country Global Geopark project)

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# Dudley big wheel group rolls Writing's on the on towards future successes

A business networking group which helped put Dudley in the spotlight with the hugely popular Free Radio DY Eye is going from strength to strength after appointing its first management committee.

The Dudley Business Group, set up by town centre businesses and stakeholders, in partnership with Dudley Council, to improve and encourage visitors to Dudley, has elected three of its members to drive it forward.

Bilal Hussain, from Santander, is the

group's new chair, Dave Carter, from the Arcade Toyshop, is vice-chair, and Len Lenihan, from Dudley Market Traders Ltd, has become treasurer.

### Thumbs-up

The move follows hot on the heels of the hugely successful Free Radio DY Eye, organised by the Dudley Business Group, Dudley Market Traders Ltd and Dudley

More than 13,500 people from across the country came to town to ride on the big wheel during its six weeks in town, giving it an overwhelmingly positive thumbs-up. a survey 92 per cent of responses said the wheel was good, very good, or excellent.

Bilal Hussain, local business manager

at Santander and newly appointed chair of the Dudley Business Group, said: "The Dudley Business Group has been in existence for just over a year and it is really starting to have an impact.

Free Radio DY Eye was the first big project we've been involved with. There's



no doubt it caused a stir, but that was a good thing because it massively raised Dudley's profile.

"Our survey results show 74 per cent of town centre businesses thought the wheel was positive for Dudley and 72 per cent felt people came to the town who otherwise may not have visited.

"Now we've got the first success under our belt we are concentrating on what to do next, and we've got some exciting plans to keep people coming to and en joying Dudley.

"What is also encouraging is the group keeps growing. As well as business-es, we've got representatives from faith community groups and other stakeholder organisations, and it really is the more, the merrier."

Cllr Khurshid Ahmed, cabinet member for planning and economic development said: "The Dudley Business Group is a fantastic example of how true partnership working can benefit a town.

"The council has worked closely with the group and has helped empower them to

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become a dynamic organisation with the desire and confidence to make positive changes for Dudley.

"It's been a pleasure to watch the group evolve into a strong and creative organisation working with local businesses and the community, and I look forward to continuing working with them into the future."

The Dudley Business Group meets

For more information, or to join the email vice-chair Dave Carter at arcadetoyshop@hotmail.com

# wall for fouling

DOG walkers will surely paws for thought at the latest scheme to tackle dog fouling in Dudley borough's parks and open spaces.

Dudley Council has launched an innovative stencilling scheme to spray warning messages about the consequences of allowing dogs to foul in public areas.

It leaves a spray-painted warning on the pavement in key are-

as, which is not permanent and washes off over time.
The scheme will target parks

and open spaces in a bid to encourage people to clean up after their pets.

People face fines of up to £1,000 and prosecution through the courts

Council bosses hope the latest scheme will encourage people to clean up after their dogs.

Wall Heath and Kingswinford

parks have been piloted first with more sites due to be added to the programme to target any hot spots.

Councillor Hilary Bills, cabi-

net member for environmental services, said: "I'm sure the vast majority of people clean up after

"People have a right to walk along the street and play in parks without fear of treading in

The message is clear -tidy up after your dog

disgusting mess left by dogs.

"We would rather people cleaned up after their dogs than us having to prosecute them. The stencils do not permanently mark the pavements so are environmentally friendly and hopefully will be a good reminder for people.

There are now more ways than ever before to report dog foul-ing and other issues to the council.

People can call Dudley Council Plus on 0300 555 2345 or email staff on dudleycouncilplus@dudley.gov.uk

The council's smartphone app is also available or people can tweet @DudleyPlus or use the 'report it' section on the council's website at www.dudley.gov.uk





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ley Carers Alliance has been formed to support the many people caring for friends or family across Dudley borough.

The alliance is a partnership of Dudley borough organisations that provides a new one stop shop for carers.

Expert information, advice and guidance are available to support and empower all car-ers, irrespective of age or circumstance

# Unpaid

Some 6.5 million people are unpaid carers in the UK. That's one in every eight adults. Carers come in all shapes and sizes, ages and ethnicities.

A person might be a child carer, a parent carer or a carer of an older person. They might care for a friend, family member or neighbour.

June 6 to 12 was National Carers Week, an annual celebration of the role carers' play and is supported by national

charities including Carers UK.
It promotes the rights of anyone caring for a relative or friend with a long term illness,



Dudley Carers Alliance has been formed to offer support

disability or age related frailty.

During National Carers During Week the alliance was out and about in the community with a road show offering help and advice to carers and their fam-

Councillor Qadar Zada, cab-inet lead for adult social care, Dudley Council said: "You are a carer if you provide unpaid help and support to a partner, child, parent, relative, friend or neighbour who could not man-

age without your help.
"Whatever the situation, car ing can be hard work. Unpaid often neglect themselves and their own needs

and caring can become a struggle.

"The new Dudley Carers Al-liance will provide exert impartial information, support and advice for all carers across the borough.'

Help on offer from the alli-ance includes things such as financial advice and options for practical support, help with getting time to yourself, advice on keeping healthy and well, support to feel less stressed and guidance on planning for

Contact Dudley Carers Alliance for expert, impartial help and advice on 01384 818723.

# Neworganisation Teen activities at to support carers Red House Cone

THERE are two chances for young people to spread their creative wings at the Red House Glass Cone this summer.

Wordsley's Red House Glass Cone is set to stage its first ever Teenage Market this July (2 and 3) and is giving young traders and buskers a chance to showcase their creative products and talents for

The Teenage Market is a growing nationwide initiative set up by teenage brothers Joe and Tom Barratt in Stockport as a way to support local young people and transform town centres. Its suc-cess has been labeled innovative and inspiring by retail guru Mary

The energy, diversity and vibrancy of the young people who take part in Teenage Markets is helping to bring a fresh energy to high streets, town centres and market areas across the country.

Dudley held its first ever Teenage Market in October 2015 with more than 30 stalls and a range of performers taking over Stone Street Square for the day. Stalls included clothing, jewellery, cupcakes, handicrafts and more



The Red House Glass Cone has a packed calendar of events

a profile on the Teenage Market website and then apply to take part in the Red House Glass Cone's Teenage Market on July 2 and 3.

Participants can opt to take part in one or both days.

After applying, organisers will contact potential participants to let them know if they've been allocated a free stall or performance slot.

Cllr Khurshid Ahmed, cabinet member for planning and eco-nomic development said: "The Teenage Market is a great opportunity for young people to get their businesses off the ground and showcase their creative talents and develop self-confidence and

Getting involved is easy. Trad-er and performers need to create that this event will be a great success with traders, performers and

Support local young traders and performers by visiting the Red House Glass Cone Teenage Mar-ket between 10am - 4pm on Saturday 2 July and Sunday 3 July

To apply to be a trader or performer visit www.theteenagemarket.co.uk

Find out more at The Teenage Market on Facebook or follow on Twitter @teenage\_market

For those young people who want to develop their artistic skills there's a week-long intensive arts course at the Red House Glass cone this summer. The young people, aged from 14 years will be taking part in the holiday school and working towards the nationally recognised Arts Council, Bronze Arts Award from Monday, August 15 to 19.

During the week they will be supported by staff from Dudley Museums Service, Birmingham's IKON Gallery and professional artists to devise their own fused glass artwork.

The students will learn how to sketch and keep a photographic iournal of their ideas: how to fuse and slump glass; how to critique and display their own work and fi-nally have a go at teaching others including their families and friends how to fuse glass.

They will then submit their fin-

ished pieces and portfolios for moderation by Trinity College, London. There's a celebration event planned in the autumn for the young people who achieve their award.

The Red House Glass Cone. High Street, Wordsley, is open 10am to 3pm Monday to Friday and 11am to 4pm at the week-ends. Admission is free. Residents can follow events at the cone @ redhousecone, @dudleymuseum @glass museum or Dudley Muse-

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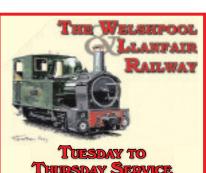
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# Samantha **Barks**



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# **Barry** Manilow



Saturday, 7.30pm Genting Arena, NEC
The tour title 'One Last Time!' suggests this is the final chance to catch the showbiz sultan of schmaltz in concert, 40 years on from his first mega-hit Visit www.gentingarena.co.uk

# The Taming Of The Shrew



Friday and Saturday, 2pm & 2.30pm, 7.30pm Birmingham Hippodrome Birmingham Royal Ballet return home for a summer season celebrating Shakespeare, starting with John Cranko's Shrew www.birminghamhippodrome.com

# Dr John Cooper Clarke



Friday, 8pm Town Hall, Birmingham Expect rapid-fire satirical verse from The Bard of Salford and punk poet, who has just released his Anthologia retrospective as a combined CD/DVD package. Visit www.thsh.co.uk

Cyndi Lauper Wed at 7.30pm Symphony Hall, Birmingham, B1 2EA. Call 0121 780 3333

POP & ROCK

Frost Sun at 7.30pm, The Robin 2, Bilston, WV14 7LJ. Call 01902 401211

Hymn For Her Tue at 7.30pm, The Robin 2, Bilston, WW14 7L3. Call 01902 401211

Fri at 7.30pm, The Robin 2, Bilston, WV14 7LJ. Call 01902 401211

Kick Up The 80s: 80s Tribute Sat at 7.30pm, The Robin 2, Bilston, WV14 7I.I Call 01902 401211

BovSetsFire Tue at 7pm, O2 Academy Birmingham, Bristol Street, Birmingham, B1 1DB. Call 0121 622 8250

The Appleseed Cast Sun at 7pm, The Rainbow, Digbeth, Birmingham, B12 0LD. Call 0121 753 1818

Catapult Club Feat. Arcadia Sat at 7pm, O2 Academy Birmingham, B1 1DB. Call 0121 622 8250

The Melvins The Melvins
Wed at 7pm,
The Rainbow,
Digbeth, Birmingham,
B12 0LD.
Call 0121 753 1818

My Brother, The Wolf Sat at 7pm, Wolverhampton Slade Rooms, WV1 1RQ. Call 0870 320 7000

The Cult Of Dom Keller Fri at 8pm, Hare & Hounds, Birmingham, B14 7JZ. Call 0844 870 0000

Samantha Barks Mon at 7.30pm, New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham, B5 4DS. Call 0844 871 3011

**ZZ Top** Thu at 7pm. O2 Academy Birmingham, B1 1DB. Call 0121 622 8250

The Offspring Sun at 7pm, O2 Academy Birmingham, B1 1DB. Call 0121 622 8250 Absolute Bowie: David Bowie Tribute Fri at 8.30pm

The Institute, Birmingham, B5 6DY. Call 0121 643 0428

Barry Manilow: One Last Time! Tour Sat at 7.30pm,

Genting Arena, Birmingham, B40 1NT. Call 0121 780 4141

Yolanda Brown: Reggae Love Songs Sun at 6.30pm - 10pm, The Glee Club, Birmingham, B5 4TD. Call 0871 472 0400

Angelic Upstarts Sat at 7pm - 11pm, Hare & Hounds, Kings Heath, Birmingham, B14 7JZ. Call 0844 870 0000

The Fnid Thu at 8.30pm, The Robin 2, Bilston, WV14 7LJ. Call 01902 401211

Live, Loud & Local: Carbon Copy Fri at 7pm, Wolverhampton Slade Rooms, W1 1RQ. Call 0870 320 7000

Hells Bells: AC/DC Tribute Fri at 8pm,
The RoadHouse Birmingham,
B30 3DZ.
Call 0121 246 2273

Charlotte Carpenter Sun at 7 pm - 11pm, £6 Hare & Hounds, Kings Heath, Birmingham, B14 7JZ. Call 0844 870 0000

Crobot Wed at 7pm, £10 The Rainbow, Birmingham, B12 0LD. Call 0121 753 1818

# **CLASSICAL & OTHER MUSIC**

Lunchtime Organ Recital: Thomas Trotter Mon at 1pm, Birmingham Town Hall,

Victoria Square, Birmingham, B3 3DQ. Call 0121 780 3333

Rising Stars – Cathy Krier Mon at 6pm - 9.30pm, £10 Birmingham Town Hall, Victoria Square, Birmingham, B3 3DQ Call 0121 780 3333

Murray Perahia In Recital Fri at 7.30pm - 10pm, £9.50 - £35 Symphony Hall, Broad Street, Birmingham, B1 2EA. Call 0121 780 3333

Ex Cathedra: Summer Music By Candlelight Tue at 8pm - 10pm, £9.50 - £35

Birmingham Cathedral, Colmore Row, Birmingham, B3 2QB. Call 0121 262 1840

Pete Churchill / Mishka Adams Quintet Fri at 8.30pm, The Glee Club, Birmingham, B5 4TD. Call 0871 472 0400

Laura Brownsell, Jonathan Laura Brownsell, Jonathan French And Eden Walker Mon at 1pm - 2pm, Birmingham Conservatoire, Birmingham City University, B3 3HG. Call 0121 331 5901

Brant International Piano Competition 2016 Sat at 10am, Sun at 10am, Barber Institute of Fine Arts, University of Birmingham, B15 2TS. Call 0121 414 7333

Festival Voices: Celebrating Shakespeare Fri at 1.10pm - 2.15pm, Barber Institute of Fine Arts, University of Birmingham, B15 2TS. Call 0121 414 7333

CBSO 2015-16 Beethoven's Seventh
Sat at 7pm, £12.50 - £45
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City Of Sounds Festival Fri, Sat, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu Birmingham Conservatoire, Birmingham City University, B3 3HG. Call 0121 331 5901

# FOLK, BLUES, JAZZ & SOUL

Blues Club: The Frenzies Sat at 4pm - 8pm, Hare & Hounds, Kings Heath, Birmingham, B14 7JZ. Call 0844 870 0000

Soul Legends Sat at 7.30pm, Prince Of Wales Centre, Cannock, WS11 1DE Call 01543 578762

Symphony Hall, Birmingham, B1 2EA. Call 0121 780 3333

# **THEATRE**

Birmingham Royal Ballet: The Moor's Pavane/The Shakespeare Suite/The Sonnets

Wed at 7.30pm, Thu at 2pm, 7.30pm, £10 - £26 Birmingham Hippodrome, Call 0844 338 5000

Sheila's MHS: Mental Health

Show
Thu at 8pm,
Stafford Gatehouse Theatre, ST16 2LT Call 01785 254653

Wuthering Heights Sun at 7.30pm, mac. Cannon Hill Road, Birmingham, B12 9QH. Call 0121 446 3232

Xiyang Chinese Culture And Art Show Sun at 7pm, Birmingham Town Hall, B3 3DQ. Call 0121 780 3333

Beyond Belief Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 7.30pm, mac, Birmingham, B12 9QH. Call 0121 446 3232

Peppa Pig's Surprise (Under 5s) Wed at 1pm, 4pm, Thu at 10am, 1pm, £13.50 - £22.90 Palace Theatre, Alcester Street, Redditch, B98 8AE. Call 01527 65203

Calamity Jane: BMOS Musical Theatre Company Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 2.30pm, New Alexandra Theatre, Queensway, Birmingham, B5 4DS. Call 0844 871 3011

From Stage To Screen Sat at 7.30pm, Palace Theatre, Alcester Street, Redditch, B98 8AE. Call 01527 65203

Little Shop Of Horrors Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 2.30pm, 7.30pm. The Rose Theatre Kidderminster, DY10 2RX. Call 01562 743745

Chicago Mon at 7.30pm, Tue at 7.30pm, Wed at 7.30pm, Thu at 7.30pm, Wolverhampton Grand Theatre, WY1 1DE. Call 01902 573320

End Of The Rainbow Tue at 7.30pm, Wed at 2.30pm, 7.30pm, Thu at 7.30pm, New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham, B5 4DS. Call 0844 871 3011

Cuttin' It Fri at 8pm - 10.20pm. Sat at 8pm - 10.20pm, Birmingham Repertory Theatre, Birmingham, B1 2EP. Call 0121 236 4455

Be Festival 2016 Tue at 7pm, Wed at 7pm, Thu at 7pm, Birmingham Repertory Theatre, Birmingham, B1 2EP. Call 0121 236 4455

The Rocky Horror Show Fri at 5.30pm, 8.30pm, Sat at 5.30pm, 8.30pm, Wolverhampton Grand Theatre, WV1 1DF Call 01902 573320

# **COMEDY**

EdinBrum Previews: Zoe Lyons & Caimh McDonnell Thu at 7.30pm, mac, Cannon Hill Road, Birmingham, B12 9QH. Call 0121 446 3232

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Ed Aczel: The Random Flapping Of A Butterfly's Wings Sat at 7.30pm, Palace Theatre, Redditch, B98 8AE. Call 01527 65203

Jimmy Carr: The Best Of, Ultimate, Gold, Greatest Hits Tour Fri at 8pm,

Dudley Town Hall, DY1 1HP. Call 01384 815577

David Cross: Making America Great Again! Wed at 7pm, The Institute, Digbeth, Birmingham, B5 6DY. Call 0121 643 0428

# **TALKS**

Dr John Cooper Clarke Fri at 7pm, £16.50 - £26.95 Birmingham Town Hall, B3 3DQ. Call 0121 780 3333

Young Artists Sat at 1pm - 3pm, Wolverhampton Art Gallery, WV1 1DU. Call 01902 552055

Science Of Sound Fri at 10am, Symphony Hall, Broad Street, Birmingham, B1 2EA. Call 0121 780 3333

**Express & Star** 

Check out full listings in the ticket in Friday's Express & Star

# **Now Cyndi just** wants to have fun



In the pink - Cyndi Lauper has recorded an album of her country music favourites, called Detour, and performs in Birmingham

QUIRKY New Yorker Cyndi Lauper, who lit up the 1980s pop scene with Girls Just Want To Have Fun, True Colors, Time After Time and She Bop, is in concert at Birmingham Sympho-ny Hall on Wednesday, June 22.

After over 50 million sales to date, Cyndi's musical journey took an un-expected turn on her 11th studio album 'Detour', with the Grammy, Emmy and Tony-winning 62-year-old singer-songwriter putting her

signature spin on a dozen classic country songs. The album, released last month, was a labour of love and showcases that unmistakable voice on country classics from the 1940s to '60s with guest appearances from country stars including Alison Krauss and Willie Nelson.

Cyndi recorded the album in Nash-ville with the city's top session play-ers. She says recording a country album is something she's dreamed

about for years. She grew up listening to singers like Patsy Cline and Loretta Lynn in her Aunt Gracie's kitchen.

"When I was a really young kid, country music was pop music, so this is what we grew up listening to. These songs are part of some of my earliest memories," she says.

Cyndi wrote the songs for hit Broadway show Kinky Boots, now playing in London's West End.



# Back to the cell block

X Factor winner Sam Bailey will be swapping her former real life role as a prison officer to play an immate when the mu-sical Chicago comes to Wolverhampton on tour next week. The singer will play cell block boss Mama Morton when the

sical Chicago comes to Wolverhampton on tour next week. The singer will play cell block boss Mama Morton when the 1920s-set jazz musical is staged at the Grand Theatre from Monday to Saturday.

Sam Bailey worked as a prison officer at HM Prison Gartree for three years until 2013. At the end of that year Sam won the tenth series of the X Factor receiving more than a million votes over the course of the final weekend.

Following her win, her debut single Skyscraper was the Christmas chart-topper and was followed in 2014 with her debut album, The Power of Love, reaching number one in the album charts.

Asked if she would draw upon her experience for her role as prison fixer Mama Morton, Leicester mum-of-three Sam said: "You've got to be quite assertive and thick-skinned. I loved my job and miss the people. I have the utmost respect for anyone working in the prison system."

Hot shot lawyer Billy Flynn will be played by EastEnders actor John Partridge and Coronation Street's Hayley Tamaddon will play nightclub singer turned killer Roxie Hart. Kander and Ebb's hit show, which was also made into a movie, features famous choreography by Bob Fosse. Tickets are on sale at grandtheatre.co.uk or call 01902 429212.

The production will also be at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre over the festive season as the city's musical alternative to panto.

# Oh Bhoy, lots of comedy on the way

SCOTTISH comedian Danny Bhoy will be giving audiences in Wolverhampton a preview of his new show next month. The funnyman is trialling his new material in a series of small shows around the UK. He will be

at the Slade Rooms on Saturday, July 2.

Meawhile, other comics head-

Meawhile, other comics head-ing to Wolverhampton include Mitch Benn at Wolverhampton Art Gallery on September 22 and Felicity Ward with her 50% More Likely To Die show at the same venue on October 16. Both are BBC Radio 4 regulars. Tickets for all three shows

are available online at the www wolvescivic.co.uk website

# Showcase for talent taking to the stage

A FESTIVAL which celebrates local talent comes to Newhamp-

ton Arts Centre this weekend.

Enact Festival will see theatre companies showcase their work in performances and a

networking fair.
Visitors will have the chance to share information, skills, experiences and opportunities with each other and members of

the public.
It runs tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday and will include a performance showcases at 7.30pm on both evenings and a script-reading workshop from 2pm-4.30pm on the Saturday.

The arts centre is on Dunkley Street, Wolverhampton.

# **Buster brings ska** legends to Robin

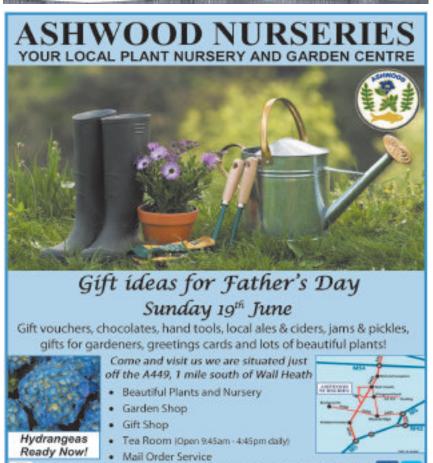
BUSTER Bloodvessel brings raucous ska legends Bad Manners to Bilston's Robin 2 venue tomorrow night (Friday) with special guest Max Splodge.

Other highlights at the Mount Pleasant venue this week include prog rockers Frost\* on Sunday and American country blues rockers Hymn For Her on Tuesday. Tuesday.

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Burntwood metal outfit My
Brother The Wolf are at Wolverhampton's Slade Rooms on
Saturday. That's the same night
punk veterans Angelic Upstarts
play the Hare and Hounds in
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**Rhod Gilbert** 

# UK's Best Part-Time Band (BBC2, 10pm)

The nationwide amateur band contest reaches its conclusion as the six finalists and their celebrity mentors try to outperform each other in a 'battle of the bands' concert at the RItz in Manchester. Ultravox frontman Midge Ure selected two acts from Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, while New Order basist Peter Hook picked the contingent from northern England, Jazzie B. meanwhile, chose the south's acts, picking out Garage punks King Salami. As each act performs an original tune and a cover song, members of the audience will vote to determine which group will be named Britain's Best Part-Time band. Last in the

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Mary Berry's Absolute Favourites. (R) 12.00 BBC News; Weather, 12.10 Athletics: Diamond League Stockholm Highlights. 1.00 Tennis: Queens. The Aegon Championships semi-finals. 4.30 MOTD: Euro 2016 Live. Iceland v Hungary (Kick-off 5.00pm).

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7.20 Regional Programme.
7.30 MOTD: Euro 2016 Live. Portugal v
Austria (Kick-off 8.00pm). Gary
Lineker presents: coverage of the
second Group F encounter for
both teams, which comes from
Parc des Princes in Pars.
Dominant qualifying campaigns
for these two sides meant they
went into the tournament as the
favourities to morroses from this for these two sides meant they went into the tournament as the favourites to progress from this group, and whatever the outcome of their opening matches, they will each see this as a vital fixture. The last meeting between the nations was a 1-1 draw 21 years ago.
Since then the Portuguese have amassed far more experience in major tournaments than tonight's opponents, and will fancy their chances of victory should talisman Cristiano Ronaldo be on form. However, with the likes of Bayern Murich star Pavid Alaba, title-winning Leicester City left-back City winger Markot.
Christian Puchs and maverick Sloke City winger Markot.
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5 The National Lottery Draw.

Perdinand and Alan Shearer.

10.05 The National Lottery Draw.
Veteran pop star Rick Astley
performs live in the studio, and
pushes the Lotto button to reveal
the all-important Lotto and
Thunderball numbers.

Thunderball numbers.

10.15 BBC News; Weather.

10.35 Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes tries to solve son Dermot's relationship problems by giving his gliffriend advice, and Grandad ends up in hospital after Dr Flynn's attempt to read his temperature goes awry;
(R) National Lottery Update.

11.05 Thierry Henry: My France, My Euros. The former France striker

Euros. The former France striker looks at European Championship stories. (R)

12.05 Film: The Hunted. (2003) 1.35 Weather for the Week Ahead. 1.40 BBC News.

### RRC2

6.05 Coast. (R) 6.50 Film: Without Reservations. (1946) 8.35 Film: Lucky 6.05 Coast. (R) 6.50 FIIm: Without Reservations. (1946) 8.35 FIIm: Lucky Jim. (1957) 10.1 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) 11.10 Natural World – Elephants without Borders. (R) 12.00 Tom Kerridge's Best Ever Dishes. (R) 12.30 A Cook Abroad: Dave Myers' Egypt. (R) 1.30 Bargain Hunt. (R) 2.30 Escape to the Continent. (R) 3.30 The Great British Sewing Bee. (R) 4.30 Flog It! (R) 5.10 This Week's World. 5.50 Gardeners' World. (R)
6.20 Nature's Perfect Partners:

Natural World. Bill Bailey narrates this natural history documentary telling the story of some of nature's most extraordinary

nature's most extraordinary partnerships, revealing what sometimes happens when animals need an itch scratching, help getting into food or home security getting into food or nome security assistance. The answer is, to find a partner – and not necessarily one of the same species. Highlights include hippos joining forces with fish for a full-body exfoliation and ravens inviting wolverines over for some bone-crunching assistance with their dinner. (R)

with their allner. (H)
7.20 The Liver Birds. Beryl loses her engagement ring while making Sandra a trifle, resulting in a mad rush to the hospital. Guest starring John Nettles. (R)

Comedy Connections. The story behind The Liver Birds, the influential sitcom charting the lives and loves of two single women sharing a flat in Liverpool. (R)

8.30 Dad's Army, Jonesy's van runs out of petrol and the platoon is forced to spend the night in a spooky deserted house, where the men's imaginations soon run wild. (R)

The New Tate Modern: Switched
On. Andrew Marr and Brenda
Emmanus attend the grand
opening of the Tate Modern's new Switch facility, and shed light how director Frances Morris's plans to use the new space.

use the new space.

10.00 UK's Best Part-Time Band Final.
The celebrity mentors and their
acts progress through to the final,
where they must play an original
une and a cover song to with the
contest. Last in the series original
to describe the contest. Last in the series or
to pressure Louis XIV to return the
royal court to Paris; (R) Inside
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versames.

12.05 MOTD: Euro 2016 Match Replay.

1.45 Film: Silent Souls. (2010) 3.00 This Is BBC Two.

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! 6.20 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.30 Dino Dan. (R) 6.20 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.30 Dino Dan. (R) 6.45 Dino Dan. (R) 6.45 Dino Dan. (R) 6.55 Signed Stories: Share a Story, (R) 7.00 Sooty, (R) 7.15 Super 4. (R) 7.30 Nerds & Monsters (R) 7.45 Looped. (R) 8.00 Thunderbirds Are 6o. (R) 8.25 TIV News. 8.30 Weekend. 9.25 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 11.33 DI Vewsey. Weather, 11.50 The Wine Show. 1.00 Euro 2016 Beglium / Republic of Ireland (Kick-off 2.00pm). 4.30 Big Box Little Box. (R) 5.00 The Chase. (R) 6.00 Regional Programme; Weather. 6.15 TIV News; Weather. 6.30 New You've Been Framed! Harry

6.15 ITV News; Weather.
6.30 New You've Been Framed! Harry
Hill narrates a comical selection of
mishaps filmed by viewers,
featuring a possessed toddler and
a driver chasing a runaway car.
7.00 Catchphrase Celebrity Couples
Special. Eamonn Holmes and
Ruth Langsford. Brian McFadden
and Vogue Williams, and Vic
Beeves and Bob Mortimer "say
whether the Park Special cliffices." what they see" in a special edition of the game show. (R)

8.00 Endeavour. Shaun Evans returns Endeavour. Shaun Evans returns as the young Inspector Mores in the first of four feature-length episodes. A baffling suicide, an anguished father searching for his missing daughter and the smash-and-grab robbery of medieval artefacts throw the detective in at the deep end as he resumes his role with Oxford City Police following a four-month absence from duty. As the locals go to the polis in a closely fought by-election and a beauty contest builds to its conclusion. Endeavour must navigate the choppy waters of both worlds as his investigation shakes the highest pillars of Oxford society. Co-starring Roger Allam, Anton Lesser and Sean Rigby. (R)

10 00 ITV News: Weather

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.15 Euro 2016 Highlights. Action from the latest three matches in France, featuring Belgium v Republic of Ireland in Bordeaux, Iceland v Hungary in Marseille and Portugal v Austria in Paris.

11.15 Film: Carry On Camping. (1969) Two men hatch a plan to lure their unsuspecting girlfriends to a nudist camp and introduce them to a life of wild abandon. Bawdy comedy, starring Sid James.

12.55 Jackpot247. 3.00 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen.

### **CHANNEL 4**

6.35 Motor Sport: British GT. 7.00
Bloodwise Blenheim Palace Triathlon 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R)
9.06 Royal Ascot: The Morning Line.
9.55 Frasier. (R) 10.25 Frasier. (R) 10.05 Fromula 1: Grand Prix of Europe Practice 3 Live. 12.05 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.00 Formula 1: Grand Prix of Europe Qualifying Live. Coverage of the battle for pole position (Start-time 2.00pm). 3.20 Royal Ascot: Channel 4 Racing. Clare Balding and Nick Luck present continued live coverage of the fifth and final day.

6.00 A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun. Scarlette Douglas comes to the aid of Brighton-based couple Neil Masey and Affy Wajid, who hope to pick up a property on Ibiza in which they can entertain their

frenos.

6.45 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Gogglesprogs. Following on from a pilot edition shown last Christmas, the Gogglesprogs return for a six-part run in which Christmas, the Gogglesprogs return for a six-part run in which they maintain a close eye on a range of TV output, from entertainment shows and documentaries to some all-time classic films and up-to-the-minute news stories. Participants include six-year-old Molly and her eightnesses. Participants include six-year-old molity and her eightnesses with the state of the six-year-old brother William who both love helping out on the family farm, Stephanie who adores Justin Bieber and her friend Christina who prefers classical music, and schoolmates Jacob and Connor. In this opening programme, the youngsters offer their honest, inimitable and utilimately hilarious take on The Undateables, Donald Trump and Mamma Mial (R) Trump and Mamma Mia! (R)

ake of I me of indicateables, volatile take of I me of the Men Salam Mamma Mia! (R)

8.00 Film: Independence Day. (1996) A fleet of huge flying saucers launches a devastating and unprovoked attack on Earth. As survivors try to flee the seemingly unstoppable allen invaders, the courageous US president, an ace pilot and a computer genius come up with a plan to take the flight to the enemy and save the human race. Roland Emmench's sci-fl avorture, starring Will Smith.

10.50 Film: I, Frankenstein. (2014) Premiere: Pantasy adventure, with Aaron Eckhart and Bill Nighy.

12.38 Ramsays Kitchen Nightmares USA. (R) 1.30 Royal Assot Highlights.
1.55 Hollyacks. (R) 4.00 Kirstle's Handmade Treasures. (R)

# **CHANNEL 5**

6.00 Milkshake! 8.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) 9.30 The Saturday Show Live. 11.35 Funniest Falls, Falls & Flops. 12.05 Flirm StaT rek. First Contact. (1996) Sci-fi adventure, starring Patrick Stewart. 2.10 Flirm. Columbo: The Most Dangerous Match. (1973) Detective drama, with Peter Falk and Laurence Harvey. 3.35 Flim: Columbo: Double Shock. (1973) Detective drama, with Peter Falk and Martin Landau. 5.10 Can't Pay? Well Take It Away. (R) 6.10 Can't Pay? Well Take It Away. (R) 6.10 Can't Pay? Well Take It Away. Flight Court enforcement officers Paul and Steve make an extraordinary discovery inside a

Paul and Steve make an extraordinary discovery inside a locked bedroom, and immediately call for police back-up. Brian and Graham head to Swindon Town football club to recover a debt, while Paul and Ben have difficulty evicting a couple from a house in Kent after learning they have six children and nowhere else to go.

7.10 NCIS: Los Angeles. Abby Sciuto from the NCIS office in Washington, DC, heads to LA to help the team investigate a murder that may be the work of a serial killer she has been tracking. (R)

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to hit Perkins' house. When the agents discover the calling card of notorious terror cell Dragon's Tooth on the body, it becomes clear the murder has been committed as part of a wider agenda, and the team joins forces with the Department of Defence to catch the killer.

\*\*News Weekend\*\*

9.50 5 News Weekend. 10.00 Big Brother. 11.05 Stephen Merchant: Hello Ladies.

12.00 SuperCasino. 3.10 Big Brother. (R) 4.00 To B&B the Best. (R)

### **DIGITAL**

BBC Four 7, 00 Aliens: The Big Think 8.00 Natural World: Chimps of the Lost Gorge 9.00 The Disappearance 10.45 Lionel Richie at Glastonbury 11.45 Glastonbury Golden Greats 12.40 Disco at the BBC 1.40 Top of the Pops: 1991 3.00 Lionel Richie at Glastonbury 4.00 Close

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1742. 40 Foyle's War 2.50 Midsomer Murders 6.55 Doc Martin 8.00 It'll Be Alright on the Night 9.00 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Donny Osmond 10.00 Foyle's War 12.00 Bouquet of Barbed Wire 1.05 Cit Juisht 2.00 ITV3 Nightscreen 2.30 Teleshopping

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12.00 Cycling: Women's Tour Highlights
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Daily 2.15 Film: Gunsmoke (1953) 2.50
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FYI Daily 4.00 Film: Smokey and the
Bandit (1977) 4.40 Film: Police Academy
3: Back in Training (1986) 5.40 FYI Daily
5.45 Film: Diole Academy 3: Back in
Training (1986) 6.30 World Series of
Darts: Auckland 10.30 Cycling: Women's
Tour Highlights 11.30 Film: Rambo: First
Blood Part II (1985) 12.30 FYI Daily
12.35 Film: Rambo: First Blood Part II
(1985) 1.30 Hell on Wheels 2.20
Highway Patrol 2.45 ITV4 Nightscreen
3.00 Teleshopping

3.30 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 Film: Sleepy Hollow (1999) 11.05 The Big Bang Theory 12.05 Gogglebox 2.15 The Inbetweeners 3.15 New Girl 3.35 The New Normal 4.20 Revenge

Film4
11.00 The River's Edge (1957) 1.00 The
Spy Next Door (2010) 2.50 Thunderbirds
(2004) 4.40 Ladder 49 (2004) 6.55
Fantastic Four (2005) 9.00 Safe House
(2012) 11.15 The Raven (2012) 1.25
Dead of Night (1974) 3.15 Close

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# CHOICE



**David Cameron** 

### **Question Time EU Special:** The Case for Remain (BBC1, 6,45pm)

David Dimbleby hosts the second of two live programmes in which leading political figures outline the arguments on both sides of the EU referendum debate and field questions from an audience of voters. In last week's first edition, Justice Secretary Michael Gove presented the case for leaving the European Union in a debate from Nottingham, while in tonight's programme, Prime minister David Cameron appears in Milton Keynes and discusses the advantages for the UK in retaining its membership of the EU.

6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 Sunday Morning Live. 6.00 Breaktast. 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 Sunday Morning Live. 11.00 Regional Programme. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R). 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.15 Homes Under the Hammer. (R). 2.00 Flog III (R) 2.45 Escape to the Country. (R) 3.30 Lifetine. 3.40 Songs of Praise. 4.15 Koko: The Gorilla Who Talks to People. (R) 5.15 BBC News. 5.35 Regional Programme. 5.45 Countryfile. 6.45 Question Time EU Special: The Case for Remain. Prime minister David Cameron answers questions on the case to remain in the EU to a live audience in Milton Keynes, ahead of the referendum on

ahead of the referendum on

Thursday, June 23.

7.30 MOTD: Euro 2016 Live.
Switzerland v France (Kick-off
8.00pm). Gary Lineker presents
coverage of the third and final
match of Group A for both teams,
which takes place at Stade PierreMauroy in Lille. These nations also
faced each other in the final match
of the group stage at Euro 2004 in
Portugal, and on that occasion it
was the French who emerged
triumphant as they recorded a 3-1
wir. If that doesn't leave the Swiss win. If that doesn't leave the Swiss feeling as though they have a score to settle, then the 5-2 trouncing they suffered in a group-stage match at the 2014 World stage match at the 2014 World Cup in Brazil surely must, especially given that the two goals sepcially given that the two goals they managed to score came during the last 10 minutes, when it had effectively cassed to be much of a contest. France were in rampant mood on the night, with five different players getting on the scoresheet, and while some of the Swiss squad may still carry emotional baggage from that encounter, they can at least look to head coach Vladimir Petkovic for assurance given that he has replaced Oftmar Hitzfeld, who was previously in charge.

10.05 BBC News.

10.25 Regional Programme.

10.35 Room 101— Extra Storage. Frank

10.35 Room 101 - Extra Storage, Frank Skinner welcomes Pointless co-host Richard Osman, broadcaster Joan Bakewell and comedienne Roisin Conaty to discuss their pet hates. (R)

11.15 Film: Moonlight Mile. (2002)
Drama, with Jake Gyllenhaal and
Ellen Pompeo.

1.05 Weather for the Week Ahead. 1.10

### RRC2

6.30 Great British Garden Revival. (R)
7.30 Gardeners' World. (R) 8.00
Countryfile. (R) 9.00 The Beechgrove
Garden. 9.30 Saturday Kitchen Best
Bites. 11.00 Tom Kerridge's Best Ever
Dishes. (R) 11.30 A Cook Abroad: Tony
Singh's India. (R) 12.30 Film: The Seven
Little Foys. (1955) Vaudeutile biopic, with
Bob Hope. 2.00 Tennis: Queens. The
Aegon Championships final. 5.30
Rowing World Cup: Poland. Action from
Lake Malta in Poznan.

6.30 Flog It! People are invited to try to make money out of their antiques by taking a risk at auction. (R)

7.00 Dara and Ed's Great Big Adventure. Ed Byrne and Dara O Briain travel south through the Costa Rican mountains, where they learn how to herd cattle on horseback at a ranch before visiting an animal rehabilitation visiting an animal rehabilitation centre. They then explore the capital San Jose on election day before driving over the Cerro de la Muerte – which translates as the Mountain of Death. They then cross into Panama and experience the wonders of the world-siamous canal linking the Atlantic to the Pacific, before heading to their final destination at the town of Yaviza, where the Pan-American highway comes to an end. Last in the series. (R) the series. (R)

8.00 Top Gear, Chris Evans, Matt LeBlanc and Sabine Schmitz each buy a second-hand car and drive to Venice. Professor Brian Cox and Bear Grylls are this week's Stars in a Rally Cross Car.

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9.00 City in the Sky. Dallas Campbell and Dr Hannah Fry examine the process of bringing a plane safely to the ground, meeting air traffic controllers at the world's busiest airport. Last in the series.

### 10.00 Mock the Week. (R)

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10.35 Stupid Man, Smart Phone.
Olympic athlete Jenny Jones joins
Russell Kane on a Costa Rican
island that is teeming with deadly
snakes and scorpions and
scorched by baking temperature.
Last in the series.

11.25 Flat TV. Tom looks after Aoife's
mischievous nephew in a bid to
impress his new neighbour. Last in
the series.

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11 45 The Millionaires' Holiday Club (B) 12.45 MOTD: Euro 2016 Match Replay 2.25 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) 3.25 Holby City. (R) 4.25 This Is BBC Two.

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! 6.20 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.30 Dino Dan. (R) 6.20 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.30 Dino Dan. (R) 6.45 Dino Dan. (R) 6.55 Sipned Stories: Share a Story, (R) 7.00 Sooby, (R) 7.15 Super 4. (R) 7.30 Nerds & Monsters (R) 7.45 The Tom & Jerry Show. (R) 8.00 Teen Titans Go! (R) 8.25 ITV News. 8.30 Weekend. 9.25 Griff's Great Britain. (R) 10.00 Peston on Sunday. 11.00 Barging Round Britain with John Sergeant. (R) 11.30 Weekend Escapes with Warwick Davis. (R) 12.00 Masterpiece with Alan Titchmarsh. (R) 1.00 ITV News; Weather. 1.15 Catchphrase. (R) 1.59 Regional Programme. 2.00 Planet's Got Talent. (R) 2.30 Film: Evan Almiothy. (2007) (R) 2.30 Film: Evan Almighty. (2007) Comedy sequel, starring Steve Carell 4.30 Midsomer Murders. (R)

6.25 Regional Programme: Weather.

6.40 ITV News: Weather 7.00 Emmerdale. Belle angrily confronts Lachlan, who confesses his love for her. She is forced to tell Lisa the truth about her relationship with Dr Bailey before she is arrested for the break-in.

7.30 Coronation Street. Lee informs Billy he is holding Sarah hostage and will release her in return for \$1,000, while Alex Offers to drive Gemma to the cemetery to visit Callum's grave.

8.30 Vera. When the remains of a teenager are found half-buried in a wood. Vera finds herself investigating a 30-year-old mystery. Identified as Carrie Telling, a girl who disappeared during the 1984 miners' strike, the team retrieves news flodage from the protests that shows her taking pictures in the background. It appears she got caught up in the pictures in the background. It appears she got caught up in the unrest that day, contradicting her father's assertion that she went straight home. Photographs recovered from her camera yield further revelations for Vera. What did Carrie discover that ultimately led to her death? (R)

10.30 ITV News; Weather

10.45 Euro 2016 Highlights, Action from 10.45 Euro 2016 Highlights. Action from the latest two matches in France, featuring Switzerland v France at the Stade Pierre-Mauroy in Lille and Romania v Albania at the Stade de Lyon. 11.45 Peston on Sunday. Political magazine, presented by Rober Peston, with ITV News National Editor Allegra Stratton. (R)

12.35 Jackpot247. 3.00 Motorsport UK. 3.50 ITV Nightscreen.

# **CHANNEL 4**

6.10 Salvage SOS. 6.35 Salvage SOS 7.00 Everybody Loves Raymond (R)

7.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R)
7.25 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R)
7.55 IPC Athletics European
Brunch. 12.00 George Clarke's Amazing
Spaces. (R) 1.00 Formula 1: Grand Prix
of Europe Live. Coverage of eighth round
of the season (Start-time 2.00pm). 4.30
Location Location Location (D) 5.30 Location, Location, Location. (R) **5.30** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun.

6.30 Channel 4 News. 7.00 Escape to the Chateau. Dick and Escape to the Chateau. Dick and Angel only have a few weeks to prepare for their wedding, but the chateau is nowhere near ready to receive the 200 guests they have invited and finding reliable, affordable workers is proving difficult. Dick oversees the damping of the most and the damning of the moat and the installation of a new, eco-friendly sewage system, while Angel turns her attention to giving the rooms a distinctive decor. Last in the

8.00 Penelope Keith at Her Maiesty's Penelope Ketth at Her Wajesty's Service. The actress visits Hillsborough Castle, the Queen's Official residence in Northern Ireland. She discovers the daily routine of the household staff during a royal visit, and flicks through a Scrapbook of mementos dating back to 1925, which provides an insight into how life in provides an insight into how life in dating back to 1925, which provides an insight into how life in the royal family has changed over the years. She also meets the Queen's bugler, finds an unexpected treasure from the 1953 coronation tour and discovered how in 2012, the Queen played a simple but vital role in uniting two fractured communities in Enniskillen simply by crossing the road. y crossing the road

9.00 Film: August: Osage County. (2013) Premiere. Three estranged sisters return to their family home following their father's suicide, and resume their complex relationship with their overbearing, malicious mother. Over the day of the funeral, tensions among the family

funeral, tensions among the family reach boiling point as secrets and recriminations are brought to light. Drama, starring Meryl Streep.

11.25 Formula 1: Grand Prix of Europe Highlights.

12.30 Film: intruders. (2011) 2.20 Building Hilfer's Supergun: The Plot to Destroy London. (R) 3.15 The Restoration Man. (R) 4.10 Jimmy's Australian Food Adventure. (R)

# **CHANNEL 5**

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) 6.15 Angelina Ballerina. (R) 6.30 Both the Builder. (R) 6.40 Wanda and the Alien. (R) 6.50 Zack and Quack. (R) 7.50 Pets. (R) 7.10 Noddy in Toyland. (R) 7.20 Paw Patrol. (R) 7.35 Little Princess. (R) 7.50 Pip Arbyl (R) 5.05 Bigza and the Monster Anoy! (1) 8. US Bizae and the Monster Machines. (R) 8.30 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 8.45 Shimmer and Shine. 9.15 Jelly Jamm. (R) 9.30 LazyTown. (R) 9.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) 10.30 Access. (R) 10.40 Now That's Funny! (R) 11.40 Now That's Funny! (R) 21.40 Now Th animated adventure, with the voice of Mae Whitman. 2.10 Film: A Zebra's Tale (2013) Premiere. Animated adventure (2013) Premiere. Animated adventure, with the voice of Jake T Austin. 3.45 Film: Open Season 2. (2008) Animated comedy sequel, with the voice of Joel McHale. 5.15 Film: The Shaggy Dog. (2006) Comedy remake, starring Tim Allen.

7.00 The Secret Life of Kittens. Part one of two. Documentary following kittens from birth to 12 months old, revealing how the sights, smells and sounds they experience and the friends they make during this period create†indelible impressions and shape their unique personalities. †Cameras capture all the formative moments, including their first exploration of their home environment, their curtain-climbing acrobatics, and the first time they venture out to meet the neighbourhood cats. (R)

8.00 Now That's Funny! Featuring the wonders of virtual reality, some outrageous employees of the month, and a guide to dating.

5 News Weekend.

9.00 Big Brother. Daily round-up of highlights, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chit-chat.

chit-chat.

10.00 The Best of Bad TV. The series charting TV gaffes continues with a look at 2000s, a decade which brought the rise of the reality star and dubious game show formats.

11.2020 Moments That Rocked the Ods. Lauren Laverne presents a countdown of some of the most memorable moments from the decade. (R)

12.45 Lip Sync Battle: Will Arnett v Alison Brie. (R) 1.10 SuperCasino. 3.10 The Yorkshire Vet. (R)

# **DIGITAL**

BBC Four
7.00 James May at the Edge of Space
7.30 MOTD: Euro 2016 Live. Romania v
Albania (Kick-off 8.00pm). 10.00
Schönbrunn Summer Night Concert from
Vienna 11.30 Wonders of the Universe
12.30 Pompei: The Mystery of the
People Frozen in Time 1.30 Rise of the
Continents 2.30 The Treasure Hunters
3.30 Close

2.00 Film: Back to the Future Part II (1989) 3.00 FYI Daily 3.05 Film: Back to the Future Part II (1989) 4.10 Film: The Perfect Man (2005) 5.10 FYI Daily 5.15 Film: The Perfect Man (2005) 6.15 Film: Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) **7.15** FVI Daily **7.20** Film: Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) **8.00** Educating Joey Essex: What EU Sayin? **9.00** Love Island **10.00** Family Guy 11.30 American Dad! 12.30 The Cleveland Show 1.25 Educating Joey Essex: What EU Sayin? 2.15 Teleshopping 5.45 ITV2 Nightscreen

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11.00 Live British Touring Car Championship. 6.15 Sporting Funnies Championship. 6.15 Sporting Funnies 6.25 The Wine Show 7.30 World Series of Darts: Auckland 10.30 Cycling: Women's Tour Highlights 11.30 Film: Rambo III (1988) 12.30 FYI Daily 12.35 Film: Rambo III (1988) 13.35 Ax Men 2.35 Movies Now 2.45 ITV4 Nightscreen

E4
1.30 The Big Bang Theory 2.30 The Big
Bang Theory: Father's Day 8.00 Film: The
Twilight Saga: Eclipse (2010) 10.25
Gogglebox 12.35 The Inbetweeners 1.40
Tatton Fixers 2.40 Rude Tube 3.10 The
New Normal 3.30 Hollyoaks

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# **FILM CHOICES**

The World's Fastest Indian, BBC2, 3.15pm
A pensioner motorbike enthusiast travels from New Zealand to the salt flats of Utah in the hope of getting a chance to break the world land-speed record on his vintage Indian Scout. However, he encounters many obstacles, since not everyone he meets on his journey shares his passion and optimism. Fact-based drama, starring Anthony Hopkins. (2005)

Columbo: Lovely but Lethal, ITV, 12am

A cosmetics company is rocked by the revelation that a pirated version of their latest product is on the market, and then, shortly afterwards, one of their chemists is found murdered. But when the shabby sleuth scrutinises the case, he suspects the events are linked to a rival company. Detective drama.



### WEDNESDAY

Heart of the Country, Channel 5, 3.15pm The wife of a Wall Street stockbroker finds her glamorous existence brought crashing to a halt when her husband is imprisoned for fraud. Forced to return to rural North Carolina where she grew up, she attempts to make peace with her estranged father and deal with unresolved issues surrounding the death of her mother. Drama, starring Jana Kramer. (2013)

### THURSDAY Defiance, BBC2, 10.30pm

Three Jewish brothers escape into the woods during the 1939 Nazi invasion of Poland, and launch a serie of guerrilla attacks on German forces. As word of their actions spreads, other refugees join them to form a larger resistance movement. However, one of the brothers fears their struggle is doomed. Second World War drama, starring Daniel Craig. (2008)

A Few Best Men, BBC1, 11.40pm

An Englishman falls in love with a woman he meets on holiday in Australia, and asks her to marry him. However, he then makes the mistake of bringing three friends over to be his best men. Comedy, starring Xavier Samuel and Laura Brent. (2011)

# **Famous faces look to** serve up a tasty treat

he pots and pans have hardly had time to be washed and dried from the last series of MasterChef, but it's already time for a new series of the Celebrity incarnation.

Once again, John Torode and Gregg Wallace will be putting a host of famous faces through their paces, and one of the show's executive producers, David Ambler, thinks this year's contestants are another strong bunch.

"We've got a fantastic line-up of willing celebrities ready to commence culinary battle," he says.

culinary battle," he says.
"John and Gregg really push the
celebs to reach for the culinary
heights and there's no shortage of
entertainment and drama.
"Despite the blood, sweat and tears
we see some of the best food we
have seen in our 11 years of doing the
show."

The other executive producer Carla-Maria Lawson agrees:
"This year's celebrities come from an incredibly mixed range of backgrounds and the diversity of their

"This is one of the most passionate groups of celebrity cooks we've ever had on MasterChef."

TOWIE star Amy Childs and Strictly Come Dancing pro Gleb Savchenko are among the celebs who will have their spatulas at the ready in a bid to impress John and Gregg over the next six weeks.

Fresh from his turn on The Jump is Hesh from his turn on I ne Jump is ex-EastEnder Sid Owen, who will go up against fellow Walford resident Laila Morse. Keeping up the pop star contingent is Blue singer Simon Webbe, who has already tested his nerves on I'm A Celebrity..., and former Sugababe Amelle Berrabah.

On the sporting front, former England rugby player Neil Back will also be attempting to whip up some impressive dishes, as will Olympic gold medal-winning boxer Audley Harrison.

Paralympian Liz Johnson will also compete in the kitchen along with former pop star Richard Coles.

Other additions to the line-up include Shameless star Tina Malone

David Harper.

The first famous faces taking part The link latinus faces taking part tonight and beginning their quest to succeed 2015 champ Kimberly Wyatt are comedian Tommy Cannon, TV presenter and actress Donna Air, writer and presenter of The Real Hustle Alexis Conran, YouTube vlogger Marcus Butler and singer Sinitta.

Their opening Mystery Box challenge is to use ingredients including squid, lamb mince and chickpeas to create a single dish

Then, the quintet are split up and dispatched to two different restaurar to cater for paying customers.

Finally, they get one last chance to impress John and Gregg with a two-course menu of their own design before one of them is sent home.

The 11th series will see the The 11th series will see the infamous Mass Catering Challenges being held at Arsenal Football Stadium, Battersea Power Station, Virgin Atlantic Training Centre and Olympic Athlete training facility Bisham Abbey.



Celebrity MasterChef, Wednesday, BBC1, 8pm

# **BEST OF THE REST**

### MONDAY Euro 2016

### ITV. 7.15pm

Slovakia v England (Kick-off 8.00pm). All the action from the final Group B game for both countries, which takes place at the Stade Geoffroy-Guichard in Saint-Etienne. These sides have only met three times in the past, with the most recent clash coming in a friendly encounter in March 2009. Wayne Rooney netted twice in a 4-0 win at Wembley Stadium that night, with Emile Heskey and Frank Lampard also on the scoresheet. The format of the tournament this time means that four of the teams finishing third in their group will progress to the last along with the winners and runners-up, meaning the final fixtures in each group are likely to take on even greater relevance. Presented by Mark Pougatch, with commentary by Clive Tyldesley and Glenn Hoddle, and analysis from Ian Wright, Peter

### THESDAY EU Referendum: The Great Debate

Crouch and Lee Dixon.

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### WEDNESDAY Rescue Dog to Super Dog

More than 100,000 dogs are abandoned in the UK each year, with many of the pooches ending up at rescue centres. However, as this heart-warming three-part series has shown, help is at hand in the form of a new initiative retraining rescue dogs as companions for people with disabilities. In tonight's concluding part, the team helps find a helper dog for Manchester-based Paula who has a faulty immune system. She is matched with a boxer called Stanley and hopes a dog will be able to help her with challenging daily tasks and provide her with invaluable companionship. Meanwhile, second-year student Ellie has cerebral palsy and

desperately needs support as she strives to become an independent adult. Will rescue puppy Zamba be the answer?

### THURSDAY

Glastonbury 2016, Friday, BBC2, 10pm

# What Britain Buys Channel 4, 8pm

Mary Portas presents this occasional look at how Britons shop and which products they buy, focusing on the growing popularity of contactless spending on cards, phones and even watches. She also looks at the trend for putting snail slime on the face, and face masks for the bottom

and at the millions of mums - and dads doing the school run in leggings. Plus, how singing in the car has made dashcams the latest motoring musthave, and the way smart toys are affecting children's play

# FRIDAY

### Oscar Pistorius: The Interview ITV, 9pm

He was once hailed as a Paralympic hero and an inspiration to people around the world-but all that changed when Oscar Pistorius shot and killed his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp on Valentine's Day 2013. Last year. South Africa's Supreme Court convicted him of murder, overturning the previous conviction of culpable homicide, and he is currently awaiting sentencing, which is expected to be delivered later this month. Here, Pistorius gives his first television interview about the events of that fateful night as investigative journalist Mark Williams-Thomas questions him about the key details of the prosecution case, his relationship with Reeva and the allegations of previous abusive behaviour. The Steenkamp family were asked to take part in the programme, but declined.

# Glastonbury 2016

famous music event.

BBC2, 10pm New series. From their bird's eye studio view high up at Worthy Farm in Pilton, Somerset, presenters Jo Whiley, Mark Radcliffe, Lauren Laverne, Huw Stephens and roving reporters Gemma Cairney and Martin Dougan report on events at the world-



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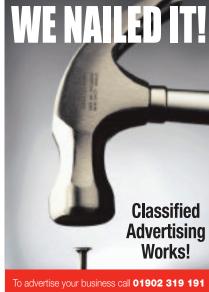
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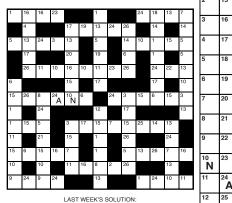
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# Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



1. According to the Old Testament, on

Ten Commandments?

which mountain did Moses receive the

Which great horror actor died in August

In which country was Princess Margaret

The Cherhill White Horse celebrates

whose victory over the Danes?

Quiz

1994?

# **Double Crossword**

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

# Cryptic Clues:

- 7. Get out of bed (6) 8. Feel in for a change, like a cat
- 10. The head cleaner! (7)
- 11 Information that is to be found in the Arabian Nights (5)
- 12. Escape from a rifle encounter (4)
- 13. Speeds regulated by local authorities 17. A possibility of
- power (5)
- 18. Hotel employee brought to book (4) 22. One may slip and
- fall into it (5) 23. Flower in my
- control (7) 24. Humble a good
- 25. I left first followed
- by a Shakespearian heroine (6)

5. Who was European Footballer of the

primarily associated? What is a loquat?

To what did Burma change its name in

With which instrument is Miles Davis

What is the wife of a marguess called?

10. Of which religion was Joseph Smith the

- 1. Doesn't encourage delays (4,3)
- 2. Small cask for fresh water - or sea water
- 3. Circles a strange sloop (5)
- 4. Worked to rule? (7) 5. Huge portion of Norwegian trout (5)
- 6. Even turned up it's the same (5) 9. Out to make one
- uneasy? (3,2,4) 14. Conversation
- vou do (7) . Special gifts of
- money (7) 16. Some people face it
- with resolution (3,4) 19. Appears to look at
- man, after a fashion 20. Cured in a rough way (5)

10 El Cid.

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Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Len Deighton; 2 Banana;

Lincolnshire; 6 Carl Orff; 7 Acacia;

3 West Ham United; 4 France and Spain; 5

21. Legally prevent poets being translated (5)

# **Quick Clues**

# Across

### 7. Source (6)

- 10. In addition to (7)
- 11. Name (5)
- 12. Not one (4)
- 13. Subject of discussion (5)

- 24. Worthless (6)

- 1. Join together (7)
- 2. Disagree (7) 3. Discovers (5)
- 4. Include (7)
- 5. Malice (5)
- 6. Change (5) 9. Partner (9)
- 14. Apparition (7)
- 15. Pardon (7) 16. Twist (7)
- 19. Fortunate (5)

- 20. Motionless (5)

21 Sham (5)

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve discover a word which uses all nine letters

Sudoku

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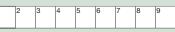
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9 Lying; 10 Eats; 11 After ali; 13 Ties; 14 Mace;
16 To be sure; 17 Tame; 20 Oscar; 21 Mustard;
22 Slowest; 23 Ruler. Down: 1 United Nations; 2
Slowest; 23 Ruler. Down: 1 United Nations; 2
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Ample; 19 Flag.

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- 8 Force (6)

- 17. Mar (5)
- 18. Unaccompanied (4)
- 22. Caper (5)
- 25. Shiver (6)

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# Lisbon has been brought up to date but still enjoys its historical glory

ago, I stayed, rent-free, in a di-Jorge who wafted through its crumbling corridors with an air of faded grandeur.

in a city that's drifted aimlessly for so long. According to figures collected by Lisbon's tourist board, the number of visitors to the city increased by 18 per cent from 2013-2015. To cope with the demand, there has been 150 per cent growth in hotel openings diving the same period. faded grandeur.

He typified an aristocratic capital since forgotten by the rest of Europe, where colourful characters eked out a fantasy existence by surviving on cheap rents. For decades, Lisbon has been trapped in

a wonderful time warp: specialist shops still sell products from behind wooden counters and weathered doorways reveal historic in-teriors untouched for years.

But now change is happening at an accelerating pace, and there's a palpable energy

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Flight access is also improving; earlier this month Monarch launched flights from Manchester, Birmingham and London to the Portuguese capital.

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So what's the reason behind this drastic change? It's partly down to changes in government. Four years ago, a century-old law freezing rent charges was scrapped, sparking investment in rundown properties and a plethora of new restaurants and bars.

The results could have been directives.

The results could have been disastrous. Fortunately, though, proud Lisboans pre-

buildings and start again.
Once dominated by government offices and embassies, Rua Dom Pedro V and the Principe Real district is now filled with wine bars, fashion boutiques and design stores. Climb the wooden staircase of revamped 1800s neo-Moorish mansion Embaixada (Praca do Principe Real, 26) to find ornate interiors just as beguiling as the pop-up shops now housed inside.

# Value

The concept of upcycling was key to the design of new hotel AlmaLusa Baixa/ Chiado, which occupies a former arsenal on Praca do Municipio – another area of the city enjoying a new lease of life. Every aspect of the city offers great value for money. In April, Post Office Travel Money rated in the city offers great value for money.

Lisbon the cheapest city in Western Europe

to dine for around £8 per head and even the

45-minute metro journey from the airport into town costs less than a couple of Euros. This is one of the few European cities where independent businesses have the upper hand on generic big brands. From dusty, traditional stores to trendy new ones, local shops champion artisan Portuguese products such as paper-wrapped soaps, household linens and even canned fish.

Of course, Lisbon still bathes in the glory of its historical sites, including the Unesco World Heritage sites of Belem, linked to the Age of Discoveries. Standing beneath the Monument to the Discoveries, where statues of 33 navigators reach out to the River Tagus, I imagine a time when Vasca do Gama set sail to extend the Portuguese Empire. Right now though, there's so much on Lisbon's own doorstep to explore.

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Neutrally decorated throughout, it has an entrance hall with wood-effect laminate flooring and stairs off, a lounge with a bay window and a dining room with a sliding patio door.

The newly fitted kitchen has a range of wall and base cupboards with complimentary work surfaces over, plumbing and space for a washing machine, electric

Off the landing is the first bedroom which overlooks the rear garden, a second bedroom overlooking the front through a bay window and a third bedroom overlooking the front Thro bethroom has a suite including a low level WC, panelled bath with a shower over, a wash hand basin and tiled splash backs.

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An attractive gas centrally heated and UPVC double glazed THREE BEDROOM semi detached enviably situated upon corner plot overlooking open space and distant aspect beyond. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, fitted cloakroom, lounge, transverse 15'9" dining kitchen, under stair store. Three bedrooms, bathroom, well tended garden, ample parking. EPC Rating. SEDGLEY.

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LOWER GORNAL, Summer Lane

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COSELEY, Vicarage Road West

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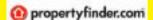
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nservatory. There is a utility room to the side with door ading to the rear garden as well as access to the front On the first floor landing there are doors to three goo

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ing process of £30, Administr Available now to view, EPC C

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A modern two bedroom fla on the second floor. Internally on the second noor. Internally there is a good size lounge, fitted kitchen, bathroom and two bedrooms. Close to Dudley town centre. Available to view now. DSS considered with guarantor. EPC D.

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# STOURBRIDGE Murcroft Road



ing central heating, double ing central nearing, double glazing, lounge, kitchen and bathroom with shower. Pos-sible parking, yard to front, unfurnished, available now. DSS considered with a home owner guarantor. EPC D

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# Mount Road



and central heating, off road parking and good sized rear garden, within walking distance of Wordsley village. Having a through lounge/diner with patio doors to the rear garden, fitted kitchen with side door to outside. House bathroom/WC and shower over the bath

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# New leader in Tiger pack By John Griffiths has had a revamp, with the ly-by-wire throttle seeming person accordance to the control of the

# By John Griffiths

Triumph has already got its teeth into a big slice the adventure/touring motorcycle market, and now there's a new leader of the Ti-

While in the wild tigers are largely solitary, this one has a sibling: the XRT is the new flagship of the range which focusses largely on the touring role, while there's also its stablemate the XCA which is for riders who do have more of a hankering for the wild.

So, with the bigger engined Tiger Sport and the 1,215cc Explorer version, you can see why this species of Tiger is far from an endangered species on Britain's roads. There's

The version tested here is the £10,700 XRT, a bike that's built to go the distance in all sorts of conditions: heated grips, heated seats, traction control and three switchable driving modes are all standard so that the rider can too.

It still has plenty of ground clearance, an essential for the

adventure bike, so that it is capable of the occasional foray onto rough tracks or poor surfaces.

That means it's tall – the seat has two positions giving 810 or 830mm – and once the rider is aboard the suspension compresses so that even my relatively short legs can be firmly planted at a junction of traffic lights. There's a low seat option, with a height of 790mm if you need it.

But where this particular Tiger comes into its own is for

the long distance rider, the serious all weather tourer. The necessary bars for mounting top box and panniers are ready fitted, but even so the XRT weighs in at under 200kgs and, in the world of touring motorcycles, that's a big advantage. It makes this Tiger much lighter to handle - some of its dedicated touring rivals can be a bit of a physical challenge before they're up and running - and makes for sharper, more responsive handling.

It's well balanced, too, with the feeling of agility of a smaller bike like a 500.

Power comes from Triumph's trademark three cylinder

engine, with a capacity of 800cc and 94bhp. But this too

more responsive while providing particularly smooth progress. And while it feels livelier, remarkably it's considerably more economical, too: Triumph claim it's up to 17 per cent more frugal and I wouldn't argue with that, having averaged 53mpg on a 200-mile run through Wales, including ts of tight mountain roads in the lower gears.

The 800 triple has a healthy 79mm of torque, too, so will

run smoothly at a relatively low 3,000 to 4,000rpm, and pull away convincingly for an overtaking opportunity. If you want to downshift for an even quicker response the six-speed gearbox is super-slick and a pleasure to use.

The three riding modes are road, off-road or rider's choice – the calming of throttle response and the configuring of the switchable traction control for off-road mode can also be useful for setting up the bike for poor conditions on the asphalt too.

Anti-lock brakes are also standard. A GPS mount is ready fitted ahead of the LCD, multifunction instrument panel

# Feedback

There is, of course, a large digital speedo which is easily visible in a wide variety of light conditions, plus a rev counter and and a comprehensive trip computer which useful features such as miles to empty (as well as a standard fuel

of feedback even through the hard 50/50 standard tyres, while the 17-inch rear is shod with 150/70 rubber. The front has the stopping power of two 308mm discs with twin piston calipers, while the rear has a 255mm, single piston caliper set up, and the system comes with switchable ABS.

The brakes are effective with plenty of rider feedback without being snatchy so stopping is as smooth as accel-

In designing the new Tiger, Triumph has paid attention to ergonomics too so the big, well-shaped seat remains comfortable even after several hours of riding. With my 5ft 10ins frame the riding position was just slightly forward of upright, with high, wide bars for optimum control.

The shaped, height adjustable screen is reasonably efffective, while the standard handguards will help the heat-



ed grips to keep your fingers warm in cold weather. Twin foglights, protected by drilled steel cowls, are also stand-ard and Triumph has fitted the XRT with an extra powerful alternator to ensure all the heating and electrical systems don't flatten the battery.

You also get cruise control, although that may be little more than a novelty for bike enthusiasts on British roads.

The adventure, or sports tourer, class is still one of the

biggest sectors of the new motorcycle market and the Tiger is already a big player.

But the top of the range XRT and its stablemate the XCA with their extra equipment and economy - without loss of performance - will add to the range's attractions to buyers.

They are competitively priced against rivals, but also provide a lighter, sportier ride than some of the heavyweights of the touring genre.





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# Spanish style and flair in the Seat Ibiza

# **By Sharon Walters**

It might be part of the huge VWG group but there's nothing Teutonic about the Seat sta-

Some thought the former Spanish brand might have lost a little of its sparkle when first bought by WWG but its cars still have more than a splash of Latin passion about them.

Built on common platforms with Volkswagen, Audi and Skoda, the twists on exterior looks give no indication of German owners. Seats certainly can be distinguished in your rear view mirror rather than you wondering which member of the stable it is from.

And now to the updated Ibiza, first introduced in 1984 at the Paris Motor Show when the Iberian firm named its models after Spanish cities. This supermini was ideally suited to the name of a place associated with younger, hip and happening folk. Think of the tales of all those music venues which still attract club lovers.

which still attract club lovers.
This latest version, as did the previous incarnations, attracts a lot of buyers in its pricing along with a good ride an handling, it is also relatively cheap to run is well built, has a raft of safety features (it has a five-star Euro NCAP crash-test safety rating) with stability control, autonomous emergency braking assistance, tyre-pressure monitoring, a variety of airbags and traction control all as standard and has a high level of equipment.

There's a range of engines and trim levels and I tried out the lbiza SE 1.4 TDI Ecomotive 75 PS 5-speed manual. This is a great little package if only for the magic Ecomotive tag official average fuel economy is put at 83.1 mpg and I managed just short of 80mpg. Less visits to the pumps with this car. It also scores 88 g/km in CO2 emissions which means you don't pay road tax. And the cost savings continue.

The engine may be a tad noisy but you can forgive it for the economy and also how easily it copes with all sorts of driving – from winding round lanes to cruising on motorways.

lbiza has firm suspension, which I prefer, and the result is good body control which leans well through corners. Steering is quick and makes corners fun, especially along country lanes.

Inside drivers can find an almost perfect position in the well-supported seats with height adjustment (standard across all models) plus reach and rake adjustment on the steering wheel. Finding what you need on the dash is instinctive thanks to its clear and uncluttered layout.

I don't find a problem with height space thanks to my 5 feet four inches! But six footers in the driver' and front passenger seat have no cause for complaint – although the rear seats are not so generous due to the curved roofline. However legroom is fine along with elbow space.

The boot is good for the size of the car and the 60/40 split rear seats give you flexibility for creating more luggage space when you are two or three up and also for carrying large items.

Standard kit across the range is good including - alloy wheels, air-conditioning, CD player with iPod socket, electric front windows and front foglamps. SE grades also get a raft of extras including halogen front headlights, front fog lights with cornering function, LED daytime running lights, LED taillights, more storage pockets and updated infotainment system with a 5-inch colour touchscreen, steering wheel mounted audio and phone controls and six speakers. Plus Bluetooth audio streaming and handsfree system(which actually comes in at the next trim level down).

My test car also had a few extras which are well worth considering. A convenience pack including auto-headlights, coming and leaving home function for £230. For £145 the Full Link should be a must extra for providing compatability with Mirrorlink, Apple CarPlay and Android Auto. Upgraded navigation added £580 and a space saver spare wheel at £100.

Seat has worked on its image of being fun and sporty, leaving its brothers rather on the more serious side, and that effort has worked very well. Put up against its rivals, it certainly impresses. It is fun to drive and made me feel decades younger than my birth certificate claims.

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speed of 107 mph

Seat Ibiza SE 1.4 TDI Ecomotive 75 PS 5-speed manual

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# S-Max is taking the stylish to the max

# By John Griffiths

Style, practicality and price – in whatever order – must surely be among the main criteria for the decision to make a major investment in a new car. A decade ago Ford combined these essentials in an all-new vehicle, the S-Max, as a sleek, stylish and even sporty-looking alternative to more traditional, boxy seven-seat MPV rivals but with no less practicality.

Now the second generation S-Max is hitting the streets: not, at first sight, a huge change with a few visible changes but substantial improvements in key areas such as refinement, comfort and technology.

areas such as refinement, comfort and technology. The test car was a Titanium trim version powered by what is likely to be the single most popular engine option, the 2.0 litre, 148bhp, turbo diesel. This middle of the range car costs £28,095 – it starts at £24,545 with Ford's 1.5 litre Ecoboost petrol engine while at the other end of the spectrum is a 178bhp model with 'Powershift' automatic transmission and all wheel drive at a little over £3000.

and all-wheel drive at a little over £33,000.

If the original S-Max was distinguished from the MPV competition by its dynamic looks, the new version is more of the same, with a longer, lower bonnet, Ford's new slimline headlight cluster and a more tapered rear end. It's styling helps to belie its size, which really becomes apparent once you step inside.

It is based on a modified Mondeo platform, which is a good place to start, and shares much of the drivetrain and technology from the much-admired mid-range saloon.But the difference is size and flexibility. The S-Max has the quality feel and refinement of a premium saloon, but with two extra seats and the ability to transform itself into a cargo

carrier to rival many a small van if required.

It's a family car ideal for transporting the kids (and a couple of their friends) on the school run or for weekend activities, but it also has the ideal credentials for a flexible business car carrying valued clients to lunch or a hefty consignment of samples on a sales trip.

Flexibility is another buzzword in MPV land and we're used to the concept of flexible seating and the S-Max system is as good as it gets.

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The interior has an upmarket feel: in the Titanium test car you get heated, sports-styled front seats with an exception view through the big windscreen, uninterupted by the sloping bonnet.

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Traffic sign recognition (which displays, among other things, the current posted speed limit) plus cruise control and an adjustable speed limiter also help to keep you in control. Front and rear parking sensors, lane keeping assistance, multiple airbags and electronic stability systems, and front fog lamps are also on the standard list.

The test car was fitted with the optional Titanium X pack, which sounds expensive at \$2,225 but is pretty comprehensive and takes the car up a grade. It includes leather seats (power adjustable for driver and front passenger) and adaptive LED headlights including 'glare free', a system which ensures you won't dazzle oncoming drivers if you're a bit slow on the dip switch.

The upmarket feel of the cabin is matched by the ride

The upmarket feel of the cabin is matched by the ride experience. The 2.0 turbo diesel is particularly quiet, and the car's suspension system handles its weight well, with an excellent compromise between a supple, cosseting ride and reasonable dynamism.

The rear suspension is new, adapted from that of the latest Mondeo, which is tuned to improve the S-Max's road manners but equally as important to providing a softer, quieter ride for those in the rear two rows of seats.

eter ride for those in the rear two rows of seats. It has inherited many of the best features of its smaller sibling, the Mondeo, when it comes to the driving experience but with the advantage of seven seats or an enormous cargo capacity when required. In short, it's a true multi-role car with the ambience of a premium saloon.







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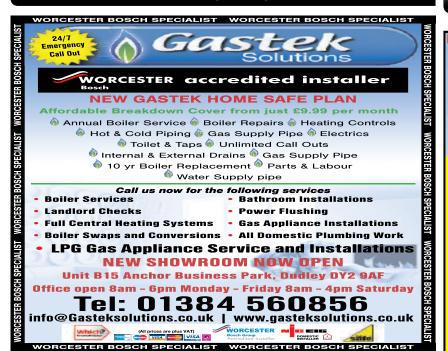
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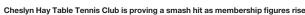


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A smiling Nigel Smith with trophies that he won throughout 2015



Isabel Beastall, aged 11, is a member of the youth team

# Quinn and Co serve up up a story of success

ing table tennis stars progress, Cheslyn Hay secretary John Quinn is delighted with the impact that the club is making

in the local community.

Now with almost 50 members, the Salem Church-based outfit are on an upward spiral, with interest peaking and committed voluntum middle peaking and committed voluntum and committed spirals.

or those less fortunate than themselves. Quinn revealed that in 10 years they have raised £22,000 for charities worldwide by hosting 12-hour table-tennis marathons, quizzes and horse racing nights.
Quinn has played the game for more than a half-a-

century and been involved with the Cheslyn Hay club since its inception in 1974, when they were playing at the old working men's club.

# Challenge

"It's fantastic to look back and know that hundreds of kids have come through our youth academy at the

of kids have come through our youth academy at the club," he said.

"For me, the challenge is to bring all of the youngsters off their computers and Xboxes and get them doing something else. It's extremely social and they're all playing competitive table tennis."

With the help of qualified coach Andrew Beastall, Craig Cartwright and father-and-son duo Martin and Calls Cartification in the armorphism of the competitive forms.

Callum Squire, the club has managed to pick itself up after numbers started to dwindle two or three years

ago. Quinn, who last year was presented with a national

# **SPORTING FEATURE**

By Lewis Cox

"Some of them had never picked up a table tennis bat in their life.

"We train many of them from beginners and we've some top young players."

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award from the English Table Tennis Association for more than 40 years 'voluntary service in the game, holds real pride in what they have achieved. "Andrew has done so, so well to coach the kids," he added. "Some of them had never picked up a table tennis bat in their life. We train many of them from

beginners and we've some top young players.

"Andrew has been given huge support by Martin and his son Callum, who is taking his coaching

tin and his son Callum, who is taking his coaching awards.

"Then to have someone like Craig, who helps with looking after the place, taking tables up and down, is just great. To see the progress is really fantastic.

"Our venue isn't in the best of conditions but we

make the most of what we've got.

"Salem Church is 200-odd years old, we have five tables and even a robot training machine who will serve and play topspin shots.

"Things have gone from strength to strength since Andrew has taken over. He brings fun to the sessions and what we have done is unbelievable." Amy Beastall, aged 15, has been called up to rep-

resent Staffordshire and at one point was ranked as high as 40th in the UK.

high as 40th in the UK.

As well as bringing impressive youngsters through their ranks, the club's first team have also been finding some real form over the past few years.

Nigel Smith, Paul Bishop and Jeff Parkes compete in the Walsall League's Division One after superb double success in Division Two last year.

They finished the season as league champions and picked up the divisional cup. Smith was also successful in the individual category.

"Yee been secretary for 25 years and I'm very, very proud," Quinn added. "There are many clubs closing down and we are doing more than surviving.

# Content

"I'm just content that if I were to step down then the club would be able to continue to function. We cater for all players and have some kids as young as 10 with some members in their 80s. "There's no discrimination, it's social and we hope

to increase even more.'

to increase even more."
The club's home match nights take place on Monday and Tuesday nights, with the church also open on those evenings for training sessions from 7-10pm.
They also run youth academy nights on Wednesdays from 6-7.30pm.
The club are keen to encourage sponsorship, with

players travelling far afield to compete in a number of competitions. Anyone interested should contact club secretary John Quinn on 07846 496715.

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# **Table tennis club serves** up platform for success

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# problem for DK runners

AFTER a fortnight of famine it was a feast for athletes from DK Runners who were spoilt for choice with plenty of op-

AFTER a fortnight of famine it was a feast for athletes from DK Runners who were spoilt for choice with plenty of options over varying terrain and in some cases against different species.

On Saturday a group travelled to Llanwrtyd Wells, Wales, for the annual man vhorse race. Started in 1980 it takes place over a rugged cross country course of around 20 miles of Welsh hillside covering dirt tracks, bogy fields and fire roads with plenty of ups and downs, the course reaching 1,633 feet at its highest. With options of running as individuals or in relay teams of three only one club member took the individual option, Andy Sprague, coming home in 3.49.55 to finish 36th in his age group and 212th of 672 competitors, horses included. There were two male teams and one female team pulling on the hoops with Craig Brown, Dave Norman and Matt Biggs finishing fifth in 2.59.45 and Mick Quane, James Wright and Andy Morrison coming seventh in 3.13.54 behind two teams made up of Royal Marines. The ladies team finished in the best position of all. The 'Three Damn Fine Fillies' of Lynn Sprague, Helen Tromand Jane Pugh were fourth in 3.44.31.

On tarmac 24 hours later, Mark Homer was rewarded with a first prize in his age group at the tough Potters Arf, a half marathon raced around the towns of Stoke on Trent, finishing in 72nd in a course best time of 1.31.17.

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# **Glassboys skipper** commits to club for new campaign

CLUB captain Stuart Pierpoint is among seven players to have committed themselves to Stourbridge FC for the 2016/17season.

Kristian Green, Joe Hull, Tom Tonks, Leon Broadhurst and Justin Richards have all agreed terms, joining keeper Matt Gould, central defender Dan Scarr and winger Chris Lait, who have already signed contracts.

The Glassboys have, however, lost the

The Glassboys have, however, lost the services of midfielder Sean Geddes who has opted to re-join Worcester City for a second spell and they are currently awaiting decisions from wide man Matt Dodd and top scorer Karl Hawley.

Stourbridge have moved swiftly to appoint Kieran Bustin as the new manager of their youth team following the departure of Dave King to become Tividale first team.

Former Arsenal and Wolves man Jon Purdie has returned to the club to become the new coach of the youth team. He had successfully fulfilled this role previously before moving on in April 2015 to manage the Bilston Town first team for much of last season.

# Seventh heaven for TT racer Ru

EATHENS



**Rutter on the start line** 

CRADLEY scraped through to

the next round of speedway's Knockout Cup with a 46-42 win over Buxton in a dramatic

meeting at Monmore on Mon-

The Motor Market Heathens needed a last-heat decider to claim victory and they certainly made hard work of maintaining their 100 per cent home record on a frustrating night where the

record on a trustrating night where the hosts threw plenty of points away.

The visitors stunned Cradley in the opening exchanges as they took advantages of spills from Ben Basford and Luke Chessell.

Former Heathens Nathan Greaves and Ellis Perks took two of the opening three victories as the guests helped the Hitmen to an early 13-5 advantage.

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The Heathens struck back with a 5-1 from

The Heathens struck back with a 5-1 from the gate in heat four courtesy of Max Clegg and James Purchase before a nightmare run for the home side saw them fall further behind.

Both Chessell and debutant Layne Cupitt slid off when in comfortable second places either side of Ashley Morris suffering a blown engine while leading a 5-1 in heat six.

The Heathens gradually chipped away at the Hitmen's advantage and three races in favour of the hosts pulled them back to within four.

However, Cupitt could have pulled them even closer had he not slid off when in third places in heats nine and eleven.

Trailing by four with 13 races gone, the Heathens required two heat advantages to secure

Trailing by four with 13 races gone, the Heathens required two heat advantages to secure victory. Chessell and Purchase outgated their opponents and combined for a 5-1 in heat 14 to pull the scores level.

Race of the night fittingly came in heat 15 as the Heathens secured back-to-back maximums to edge through.

Cradley won 90-86 on aggregate
Max Clegg completed a fine unbeaten night
from the gate while Morris hunted Greaves down
and timed his move to perfection on the final two

The Heathens travel to Mildenhall in the National League on Sunday.

day night.

edge through.

bends up the inside.

MICHAEL Rutter ended his TT cam-

MICHAEL Rutter ended nis Ti Campaign on a high as the week of racing came to a stunning conclusion.

The Brierley Hill-born rider finished the six-lap Senior TT race with a solid seventh place on his BMW 1000RR superbike.

Rutter managed to lap the 37.73-mile course with an average speed of over 129mph during the week's final race, won by Northern Ireland's Michael Dunlop in a record-breaking

The result meant he finished sixth

overall in the Joey Dunlop TT Cham-

Rutter, 44, had already finished 10th in Wednesday's second four-lap supersport race on his 600cc Kawasaki but was unfortunate to break down while running third during the four-lap lightweight race after stepping in for the injured Ryan Farquar.

Rutter said after the senior: "For the first two laps we were running a

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rear tyre with a higher pressure than normal. It made the handling of the bike nowhere near where I needed it

"At the pit stop we switched to a rear with lower pressure, and again at the second pit stop.

## **Better**

"The bike just got better and better," he added. "We were slightly overgeared so the bike wouldn't pull sixth gear but I'm absolutely over the moon to get another top-10 finish."

# Ironman is main event for triathletes

THE favoured race for Black Country Triathletes was the Staffordshire Iron-man 70.3. First home for BCT was Chris Wood in 4:51:08 finishing 11th in his age

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Others taking part were Neil Millward, Neil Howells, Richard Hancher, Keith Bate, who was first in his age group, Tim Blewitt, Matt Price, Paul Gamston, Mark Southall, Martin Dodd, Cheryl Blewitt, James Hayward, Paul Silk, Lee Barker, Pat Hackett, fourth in age group, Kevin Anson and Tim Price. Ed Bolland completed the swim in 29:26 and bike in 2:40:27 but due to injury couldn't finish the run.

Mike Anslow and Andrew Dugmore

and bike in 2-40.27 but due to higher couldn't finish the run.

Mike Anslow and Andrew Dugmore competed in the Cotswold 113 at the Ashton Keynes water park. In difficult weather conditions, and despite a bike crash and puncture Anslow came home in 4:57:22 and Dugmore in 7:13:20.

Mark Evans and daughter Lauren competed in the standard distance open event as part of the ITU World Triathlon. They finished just a minute apart. Shameer Gopal and Gary Taylor competed in the sprint distance race with their respective children Cian and Leah Gopal and Zak Taylor racing in the junior triathlon races along with Noah Sandland. Reece Ashfield and Zoe Brickley raced in the youth aquathlon and Sandiand. Reece Asiniera and Zoe Brick-ley raced in the youth aquathlon and Holly Lewis took a silver medal in her age group from the open aquathlon. David Nash and Lee Moreton com-peted in the Deva standard distance race in Chester. Both finished fifth in their

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Dave Hathaway took on Ironman Nice, a 2.4 mile swim, 112-mile bike ride and marathon distance run. Chris Wood finished 21st male overall and 10th in his age category in the Bala middle distance triathlon and Gary Bonner was first in his age and 13th overall in The Avenger Standard distance race in Stafford.

# **Duo in GB shooting** paralympics squad

WEST Midlands duo Ryan Cockbill and Richard Davies are heading to their second Paralympic Games after being named in Team GB's shooting squad. Walsall's Cockbill and Davies, from

Walsali's Cockbill and Davies, row Stourbridge, are part of the 10-man squad off to Rio de Janeiro in Brazil. Cockbill – who took up the sport after breaking his neck in a freak paddling pool accident – set a world record in 2013.

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Meanwhile, Davies – who was a wheel-chair rugby player for 14 years before dedicating himself to shooting – has enjoyed a fine year as he looks to regain his position at the top of the world rankings.

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# Charlotte serves up a bronze



Charlotte Bardsley, of Stourbridge, in table tennis action

STOURBRIDGE ace Charlotte Bardsley proved a smash hit as she helped England to win a team bronze medal at the Cadet Six Nations competition in France
The 13-year-old joined Mollie Patterson, Gauri Duhan and Denise Payet to take on teams from Germany, Sweden, Denmark and two from hosts France

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They beat France B and Germany 6-4 and

Denmark 10-0 and lost 6-4 to champions Denmark 10-0 and lost 6-4 to champions France A. 5-5 draw with Sweden meant the two nations finished with seven points, and Sweden edged the silver medals on countback, with 378 points to England's 361.

In the individual events, Heathfield School pupil Bardsley won two out of five matches to finish fifth in her group, missing out on a quarter-final place.



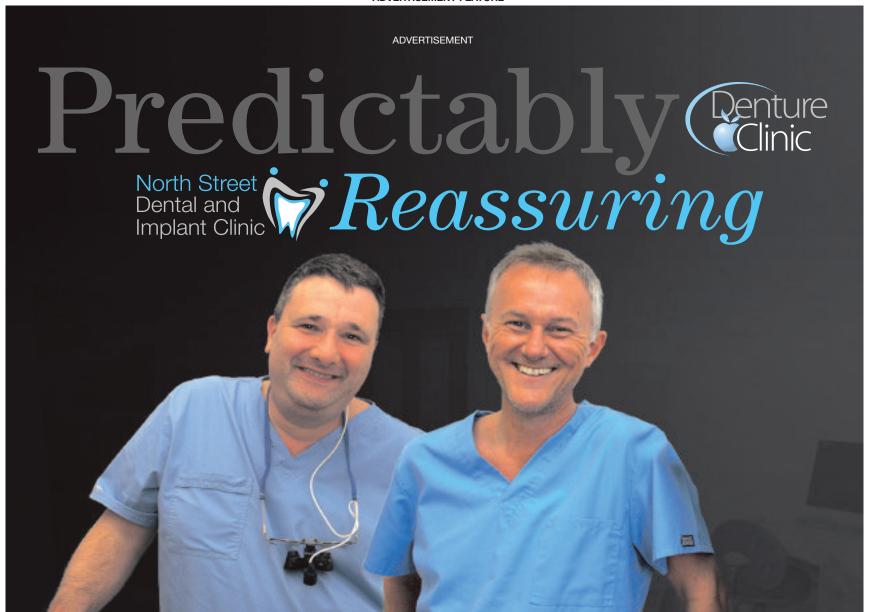
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# Quality dentures

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# Implant retained

The ultimate in solving denture stabilisation problems, implant retained over-dentures can be life-changing. You will be able to eat what you want when you want, never need denture adhesives again and experience no more sore spots or those ill-timed, embarrassing moments.



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The Ultra Suction System continues to draw the largest number of inquiries to the Denture Clinic. The denture looks like any other, but a clever, oneway diaphragm creating a sucking force onto the soft tissues of the mouth can give it the edge over its traditional counterparts.



# Immediate dentures

Immediate dentures are exactly what they suggest and can be fitted immediately after surgery to remove failing teeth. The preparation process involves a skilled clinical assessment of your mouth and collaboration between our Practice Principal and one of our dentists



# Same day teeth

For the right person it is possible for us to fit a full arch of upper or lower teeth in a single day. A highly skilled procedure, it engages the disciplines of our Practice Principal, implant dentist and lab technicians. Quite literally, your smile can be restored in just a few hours.



# Cosmetic dentures

Can dentures ever be glamorous? Indeed they can and the Denture Clinic has plenty of satisfied customers who have undergone a transformation in their looks. Regularly we've been able to turn back the clock with prosthetics that support facial tissues that had become sunken and pinched.

The Denture Clinic also offers its own dedicated Practice Plan, Interest free finance, Copy dentures, Denture relines, Denture stabilisation, Same-day repairs, Dental sedation, A referring service for fellow practitioners and 3D scanning

# Total dentures Steven Burchell Dip CDT RCS(Eng GDC 108353 looks at what he is sets his clinic apar

Dip CDT RCS(Eng) looks at what he believes sets his clinic apart in its prosthetic provision

NESTLING in the heart of the Black Country is the Denture Clinic. Our nearest landmark is Dudley's famous castle and of course, we have Teddy Gray's legendary herbal sweet factory opposite our practice.

By any standards, the clinic is remarkably well presented, but it's not what we are noted for though we are fiercely proud of what's been achieved over the years at our North Street site.

As someone said: "Who'd have thought little old Dudley would become famous for its dentures?

It's not quite like the acclaim enjoyed by our industrial forefathers, who in the early 1800s saw the area become pivotal in the Industrial Revolution, but our teeth have certainly made an impression on a national scale.

We attract patients from Dorset in the south, from the Scottish Highlands and North Wales and the ex-pats community from Spain and Portugal. Remarkable!

And we find the kind of patients we attract equally exceptional: A multi-millionaire with his own jet, a former SAS mountain warfare specialist, healthcare professionals, company directors and 'our little old ladies from across the town. What attracts them? For most we are their last hope in resolving ongoing denture problems. Our reputation for solving issues with false teeth is now well known. What's more, we are friendly, approachable and with a laboratory on the premises, there's not much we can't tackle in-house

Our teeth are exceptionally well made - hand-crafted from the finest materials - by a hand-picked team of talented tech-

You see, not all dentures are created equal. The quality control on our prosthetics is exacting, with every process of prescription under one roof.

# Glamorous

Our equipment is cutting-edge, our eve for detail sharp and we use teeth that are crafted using advanced material science. Can dentures ever be glamorous? Yes, a thousand times yes. Cosmetic dentures? Who'd have thought it, but that's what we can do and 'natural' is our hallmark.

The Denture Clinic works alongside our North Street Dental and Implant Clinic and much of our denture provision also utilises the skills of our general dentistry practitioners. It's a powerful symmetry that successfully fuses a number of disciplines to give our patients the best possible clinical outcomes.



Dental technician Steven Morris (GDC 142474) works on traditional dentures

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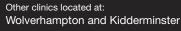
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# Hybrid veneers restoring smiles

ROWING up to the strains of Abba's Dancing Queen and with a mother who loved the ballet. it was a pretty sure bet that Vicky Williams would one day embrace the performing arts.

And the woman, now in her early 30s, didn't disappoint. From the age of two, her whole life has been focussed on dance and now runs the successful VJ's Dance Centre, which meets every Saturday at Withymoor Primary School, Gayfield Avenue, Brierley Hill.

As principal of the dance school that teaches ballet, tap, disco and street, she enthuses about the benefits it can bring to developing children, adding the se-cret of her success is "all in the smile."

'No matter how I feel, the smile is on. It's a tool for happiness and an essential



Vicky Williams - smile restored with Componeer veneers

part of dance expression. Smiling is infectious with children and for me a confident smile is essential to what I do and the way I communicate my message to

pupils," she says.

When Vicky's smile became compromised she turned to North Street Dental and Implant Clinic in Dudley for help.

# Appointment

"I'd been to an NHS dentist and they had found cavities on teeth either side of my front, top teeth.

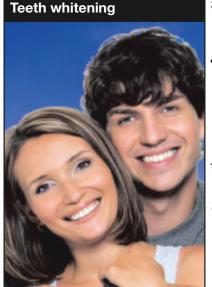
"I'd had fillings, but you could see the blobs on the teeth and the repairs were a different colour. I had them redone - they were better - but I was still not completely happy and went to see Polly. [Polly Mineva, a Doctor of Dental Medicine]," she recalls. Vicky's treatment plan involved placing four composite veneers into her front, upper crown two either side of her front teeth.

Componeer veneers are made from robust, hybrid composite enamel, unlike traditional veneers which are por-

They can be matched to existing teeth, tailored and fitted during a single dental appointment.

Vicky explains she had veneer treatment in the past when she broke her two front teeth in a playground fall as

"Getting the new ones fitted with Polly was easy. I didn't have to wait for impressions to be taken and all the main work was done in a single appointment," she adds.



# Get a dazzling smile - check out our offers

ARE you getting married? Needing a boost in confidence? Wanting to impress with your smile at an interview, or just wanting to look your best this springtime?

Our cost-effective procedure - look out for special offers on Facebook and the new North Street Dental and Implant Clinic website - is approved by the GDC.

Treatment, which involves taking an impression of teeth and manufacturing bespoke gel 'trays' to fit over them, generally lasts up to 28 days and is carried out by the patient after instruction from our clinicians. The trays that hold the bleaching gel are soft, comfortable to wear and look similar to a gum shield. We will prescribe the formula concentration and advise on how long the trays should be worn.

Where to find us

# Straight talk on crooked teeth



 $\mathbf{F}^{ ext{EW}}$  people have a DNA that gifts them an impeccable smile and perfectly aligned teath. Partial perfectly aligned teeth. Dentistry to challenge the genetic code that has compromised our smiles has become more and more accessible - not least through the Invisalign orthodontic therapy.

It means there is no need to live with crooked and irregular teeth, or tolerate a bite that doesn't align properly.

The discipline for rearranging teeth, known as orthodontic treatment, involves the use of dental braces, but the kind of appliances used at North Street Dental and Implant Clinic do not cosmetically compromise patients during the therapy period.

There are no unsightly wires or clamps and most people would not even realise these braces are being worn.

Thanks to advances in technology and dental materials, conspicuous, chunky braces are no longer an inevitable step in straightening misaligned teeth

# Comfortable to wear

Invisalign treatment is designed to slot seamlessly into daily routines without any fuss or embarrassment. There's no need to worry about mouth irritations as the transparent aligners are comfortable to wear and can easily be removed for eating, drinking, brushing and flossing.

They are difficult to detect when worn and they will carefully straighten teeth without patients feeling self-conscious.

Should you have an important meeting or event coming up that's causing concern, you can always remove the aligners for that short space of time, but they must be returned as soon as possible.

The treatment model consists of computer generated aligners that are changed every two weeks or so for a new prescription. Each aligner is individually manufactured for the patient. Over a number of weeks as the aligners are changed teeth begin to move into their correct position.

# 3-D treatment plan

A virtual 3-D treatment plan (ClinCheck© treatment plan), which will configure the aligners required, shows the series of movements teeth will go through, allowing a clear insight into what the finished look will be like. If you're ready for a smile transformation that does not interfere with your dayto-day life, Invisalign may be right for you. Call us and we'd be happy to talk to you about your options.



# Katie key to preventative dentistry

OUR dental therapist Katie Reeve BSc(Hons) GDC158543 is an invaluable member of our clinical team and has a special interest in dental health care.

Using preventative therapies, treating on-going problems such as gum disease and

educating patients in how to clean teeth properly, her work is central to any smile maintenance and the wellbeing of our patients.

She loves children and has already established herself as a practice favourite with our young dental patients. Her scope of practice is under the prescription of our dentists, but she is able to see referral patients.

It may surprise you to know that, under the General Dental Council edict, she has far more skills than just delivering a scale and polish, the most common of therapies people associate with her clinical role.

Katie and people like her are qualified to do more - much more

As a dental therapist, Katie is able to deliver treatment plans within her competence, evaluate medical history, take and interpret radiographs, provide preventative oral health care to patients, complete periodontal examinations and monitor periodontal disease, she can also take intra and extra-oral photographs and carry out oral cancer screening and referrals.

She is able to carry out tooth whitening under the prescription of a dentist, apply fissure sealants and complete simple fillings on children and adults.

Additional clinical scope includes administering anaesthesia, taking impressions and

the extraction of primary teeth.

An extensive list of her clinical roles can be found on our new expanded website: www.northstreetdentalclinic.co.uk



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Norma Aston - party snap a turning point

# Strictly stunning! Norma's new look would get a 'ten from Len'

A PICTURE snapped at a dance group's perfect her technique, adds: "There were a number of things that came together which encouraged me ture to Jamaica showed more than what vivacious Norma Aston was expecting.

As the well-wishes were made and memorable dancing stories exchanged amongst members of the Uksalsafeet classes at Willenhall's Chart Centre, the cameras and smart phones did their work.

But a single profile shot of Norma captured a different story to all the other photographs taken at that happy event.

"My teeth had been troublesome for years, but when I saw the photo and realised just how far forward my top teeth had moved I knew I had to get something done. It was a turning point for me," recalls Norma of Willenhall.

The youthful 60-something-year-old salsa enthusiast, who attends classes every Saturday to help to get things sorted.

I had seen an article in my local paper about Steven's [Steven Burchell Dip CDT RCS(Eng)] work. "I knew what I wanted and already had in my

mind going down the implant denture route.

### Correct choice

"At the same time, my step-daughter was encouraging me to see her dentist, Dr Owain Rees.

Adds Norma: "Dental work is such a visual thing and unlike hospital surgical work we get to choose who undertakes it.

"It was so important for me that I made the cor-

Husband Don takes up the story: "We'd done some research, but websites can really say anything and it's not the same as getting an impression face to face.

"When we saw Steven, he was so enthusiastic about his work and instilled confidence in us that his clinic would be able to do the job well.

"We were never pressured and told to go away and think things through before making a deci-

With referrals in-house, Norma was seen by North Street Dental and Implant Clinic surgeon Dr Owain Rees BDS, DGDP (UK) DIP IMP DENT (UCL). Her treatment plan included intravenous sedation, the placing of six lower implants to support a removable overdenture and a traditional upper denture prescription.

Norma, a former City Hospital accounts manager, says: "My new teeth . . . I couldn't ask for more and I'm amazed at the difference. They look so natu-

Fact: Missing teeth can have a hugely corrosive effect on lifestyles and self-esteem. We have met patients who have confessed to seriously compromised diets, those who have lived reclusively and others whose daily agenda has been punctuated by a relentless regime of dental fixatives and excuses to avoid social engagements.

Fact: The replacement of missing teeth using implant procedures is the preferred clinical option. Our patients who have received this kind of dentistry have regularly reported that their whole lives have been affected for the better, allowing them to live more spontaneously and without the nagging fears of 'embarrassing denture moments.

Fact: Implants are a hugely creative dental 'tool' that can deliver numerous solutions from single teeth to whole arches of teeth. Dr Owain Rees BDS, DGDP (UK) DIP IMP DENT (UCL) is our hugely experienced implant dentist and has been involved in these kind of highly-killed procedures for more than

# mplants the favoured option for replacement teeth



T'S hard to imagine after losing natural teeth, things could ever be quite the same again. But a growing number of satisfied patients have found a renewed confidence by having teeth replaced with implants.

With predictable outcomes, this form of long-term dental investment has proved so popular at our North Street clinics that surgery time for procedures has been doubled.

Some patients have ditched their traditional dentures for implant retained over-dentures and those with gaps have had their arches of teeth restored with single or multiple

Having implants, once only the privilege of stars, is now commonplace and the treatment qualifies for our interestfree loans (subject to status).

Although recent figures suggest that oral health is improving drastically, millions of UK adults suffer with tooth loss. It can be painful, unattractive and embarrassing.

# Efficient

Dental implants are the nearest possible substitute for natural teeth. The procedure of placing them to support retained dentures, bridges, single or multiple teeth demands a complex and meticulous type of dentistry and is headed up by Dr Owain Rees BDS, DGDP (UK) Dip Imp Dent (UCL) GDC 61575. Owain has been placing implants for more than 25 years

Recognised as the most efficient way of replacing missing teeth, implants can provide a permanent dental solu-





Dr Owain Rees BDS, DGDP (UK) Dip Imp Dent (UCL)

tion - the implant acting as a substitute for a tooth root on which a prosthetic is fixed.

The following options are available:

- Implant-supported single crowns. Implant-supported multiple teeth.
- Implant-supported bridges.
- · Implant-retained upper and lower over-dentures you would never need a denture adhesive again suffer sore spots or those horribly, embarrassing moments when dentures have let you down.
- The 'teeth in a day' procedures where a whole arch of permanently fixed teeth can be secured on implants in a single day. (Not everyone is a suitable candidate for

Let's consider what implants can achieve: They function like your own teeth; allow you to live impulsively; offer long-term solutions; can fix single or multiple teeth; do not compromise adjacent healthy teeth; implant retained over-dentures do not slip; and implants can be cared for

# **Implants** experience spanning 25 years

WITH more than 25 years' experience as a dental implant surgeon, Dr Owain Rees BDS, DGDP (UK) DIP IMP DENT (UCL) looks after the complex surgical cases at North Street Dental.

Qualifying from Birmingham University in 1986, he initially worked as a house officer in oral surgery at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital. His surgical mentor was the late Dennis Wedgewood MBBS BDS FDSRCS, consultant Oral and Maxillofacial surgeon.

# **Advanced**

"Very early on I was exposed to implant work and placed my first implant in the late '80s.

"Since then I've had a special interest in this field of dentistry," says Dr Rees.

In furthering his surgical skills, he became a sedationist and undertook postgraduate implantology training with the Eastman

A further implant qualification followed in advanced implantology for experienced practitioners.







